

## Labour leader demands changes in selection procedure

## Kinnock heads for collision with far left

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

Labour's far left, strengthened in Parliament through the general election, yesterday put itself in line for a confrontation with Mr Neil Kinnock over his plans to open up the reselection of MPs to all party members.

But Mr Kinnock, on the day that MPs returned to Westminster for the formal election of the Commons Speaker, immediately attempted to assert his authority over the new Parliamentary Labour Party.

He made a powerful demand for unity and urged MPs to start the campaign to win the next election now because "elections are won in years not weeks".

Mr Kinnock, speaking to his

## Scots give Speaker a warning

by Richard Evans

Political Correspondent

Mr Bernard Weatherill was chosen as Speaker-elect of the House of Commons yesterday but was served immediate notice of the difficulties he will face.

Mr Dennis Canavan, Labour MP for Falkirk, West, interrupted the traditional ceremony to insist that Labour had won the general election in Scotland. He said that the Tories had been reduced to a discredited rump north of the border.

Mr Canavan told Mr Weatherill, who was Speaker during the last Parliament, that he was determined the 50-strong Scottish Labour group would thwart Mrs Thatcher's proposed legislation for Scotland in the months ahead.

Mrs Thatcher quoted St Paul as she congratulated Mr Weatherill on his second term as Speaker.

"The leader should be blameless, vigilant, sober and of good behaviour - given to hospitality... one who rules well his own house", she said.

After receiving the Queen's "gracious approbation" in the House of Lords, Mr Weatherill will begin swearing in the 650 MPs of the new Parliament.

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MPs in a Commons committee room yesterday, called for a thoughtful analysis, rather than "endless theorizing" of the reasons behind Labour's defeat, in a move aimed at finding ways of extending the appeal of Labour's policies and values.

But a series of developments quickly undermined the size of Mr Kinnock's task and the determination of the left to flex its muscles.

Mr Dennis Skinner, one of the leaders of the far left, said that Mr Kinnock had a cheek

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to "talk for no distractions when he and his mates went on television hours after the election talking about changes in the rules for reselecting MPs".

Mr Ken Livingstone, the former leader of the Greater London Council and newly elected MP for Brent East, alleged on television that Labour Party members could be subject to physical intimidation and thuggery if the method of reselecting MPs was changed.

His remarks provoked an immediate clash with Mr John Evans, who is chairing the working party looking at the proposals for a change to a one-member-one-vote system. "That is not the sort of talk we want in the Labour Party", he told Mr Livingstone.

The enlarged Campaign Group of far left MPs also yesterday decided to put up its own candidate, Mr Max Madden, for the vacant chairmanship of the Parliamentary Labour Party (PLP).

But Mr Kinnock is determined to ignore the ritual protests from the left and to press ahead with the plan to change the way in which MPs are reselected. He wants it taken out of the hands of often unrepresentative general management committees and given to the party membership, a move that would reduce the influence of the far left.

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## GPs not to be told Aids tests results

By Jill Sherman, Social Services Correspondent

Patients who go to special clinics for an Aids test were yesterday reassured that their results would not be passed on to their family doctor.

Delegates at the British Medical Association's general practitioners conference yesterday threw out a motion giving GPs the right to be told in confidence if a patient is found to be HIV positive.

Following a heated debate, doctors agreed to abide by existing guidelines for sexually transmitted diseases under which the GP is not informed of the results of any tests unless there are special circumstances and the patient gives his or her consent.

Delegates argued that it was up to the patient to decide whether or not to confide in a GP. Dr Robert Keable-Elliott, a GP in Buckinghamshire and treasurer of the BMA, said: "I believe that doctors are ser-

A full inquest into the election defeat will be carried out in two weeks but in a fighting speech enthusiastically received by the MPs, Mr Kinnock wasted no time in showing that he was prepared to take on the far left.

In an obvious sideswipe at Mr Livingstone, who has spoken of the need for extra-parliamentary action, Mr Kinnock said "the Labour movement expected physical and political commitment to Parliament... they worked hard to get us here".

The Labour movement expected MPs to begin the campaign to win the next election now because they realized that elections were won in years not weeks; they expected the compilation of policies to be deliberate and practical, not spasmodic or self-indulgent; and most of all they expected a sustained unity of purpose and activity.

Mr Kinnock said: "Unity is not an adornment. It is a vital instrument. It is not an afterthought. It is an essential. That unity does not require great sacrifices, no burying of principles great or small."

"The demand for unity that I make and the movement makes is much more modest than that. It is to ensure that every word, every action, every statement and policy... everything we do is geared to victory."

Assessments of the defeat should be "frank and practical, not polemical" and it should be done "in the movement and not in front of the television cameras", a remark which reportedly caused some MPs to chuckle and look directly at Mr Livingstone.

Mr Kinnock said that no defeats were glorious or gratifying. But there were defeats that were challenging and could be turned into future victory.

Labour's analysis of the defeat must look at ways of developing the party's strategy in tune with changes in society, technology and the economy.

Unless Labour's values could be understood and accepted across the country, rather than predominantly in the areas where Labour was successful like Wales, Scotland and the North, the opportunity for showing that they worked nationally would not be gained.



Mr Neil Kinnock at the Commons yesterday with Mr Bernie Grant, the newly elected Labour MP for Tottenham, north London. (Photograph: Dennis McNeelance)

## Drizzling June beats the odds

Britain is suffering the wettest start to any summer for 25 years, and William Hill, the bookmakers, are offering odds of 33 to 1 against rain interrupting or stopping play on every day of Wimbledon, which starts next week.

"So far it has rained every day this June, and there doesn't seem to be a let-up in sight", a spokesman said. The company has taken £5,000 worth of bets.

It is also offering odds of 16 to 1 to anyone rash enough to forecast the first two consecutive days when the temperature in London reaches 75°F (24°C) or more.

There is no doubting the awfulness of the June weather. London has had two and a half inches of rain this month, 50 per cent more than it expects to get for the whole of June.

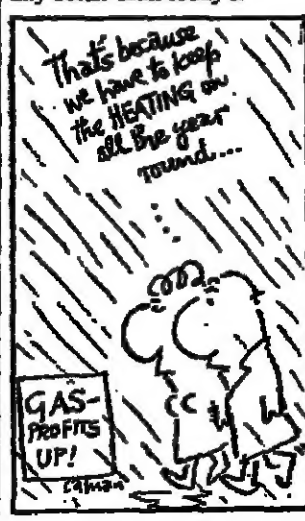
The average maximum temperature, at about 17°C, is also significantly down on the 20 degrees normally expected.

Already, that great June event, Royal Ascot, has suffered under the weather.

Heavy rain soaked elegant racers and even the Royal Family were forced to beat a hasty retreat.

The rain held off long enough for the traditional open-carriage procession down the course to go ahead.

However meteorologists say there is no evidence that the summers of yesterday were any better than today's.



## Pay offer may be forced on striking Civil Servants

By Roland Rudd

A 4.25 per cent pay offer may be forced on striking Civil Service unions by the Government in the same way that it imposed a settlement over the heads of National Union of Mineworkers leaders.

Striking Civil Servants warned last night that the extra money would be used to prolong the strike if the Government carried out its threat to impose the offer.

Mr John Ellis, general secretary of the Civil and Public Servants Association, said any such move would be taken by his members as a useful cash handout with which to continue the strike, but not as a settlement to end the 10-week dispute.

The two biggest Civil Service unions embarked on a fresh round of unofficial industrial action yesterday after talks broke down at the Treasury.

Thousands of Civil Servants walked out of social security offices in Scotland after management, anticipating further strike action, tried to force the white-collar unions to write out giro cheques in advance of today's walk out.

Customs officers at Portsmouth, Poole and Newhaven called a 24-hour lightning strike yesterday, bringing freight traffic to a standstill, in protest over the Government's decision not to increase its 4.25 per cent offer.

## Gold fraud men jailed

Three businessmen were yesterday jailed for periods ranging from two to four years for a VAT gold fraud involving millions of pounds.

It was the second trial resulting from one of the longest and most complex investigations carried out by Customs and Excise.

The judge at the Central Criminal Court yesterday said the three men had taken part

in a carefully planned, sophisticated and organized fraud.

The court was told that the men bought gold coins, which were not subject to VAT, then melted them into ingots. These were then sold to legitimate bullion dealers.

Although the buyers were charged VAT, the money was not passed on to Customs and Excise.

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## Mortgages and gas price cuts benefit families

By David Young and Amanda Pardoe

A cost of living bonus for millions is on the way, with British Gas reducing tariffs and two major building societies leading a new round of mortgage rate cuts.

The news is also welcome for the Government after the inflation rate failed to fall below 4 per cent in May as hoped. The Chancellor, Mr Nigel Lawson, said last night that soaring credit in the economy gave no cause for alarm and did not point to a resurgence of inflationary pressure.

A family with an annual gas bill of £275 will save £13 under price cuts announced yesterday. The standing charge will also be reduced for the first time since 1982, although the amount will vary from region to region.

New home buyers taking a £30,000 mortgage with the Halifax Building Society will save nearly £7 a month, while those borrowing from Abbey National will be about £11 a month better off.

The average 4.5 per cent gas bill reduction starts on July 1 in the wake of large profits announced yesterday by recently-privatized British Gas.

Those consumers who are also shareholders benefit twice over, as they can expect the shares to rise and they receive a final dividend of 4p a share.

Under the Government pricing formula which British Gas has to operate price cuts were inevitable this year, but the average of 4.5 per cent is about three times more than necessary under the formula. Cuts in standing charges will vary from region to region.

Gas prices have risen by 14.8 per cent over the last five years, a drop of 8 per cent after allowing for inflation.

British Gas, which announced profits of £806 million after tax, ended its first financial year in the private sector with £999 million in the bank and £750 million paid off the £2.5 billion debt that

the Government imposed on it on privatisation.

Shareholders in British Gas - the "Sids" attracted by the massive Government advertising campaign to privatise the company - will receive their dividend payments on October 5 and with such a large number of private shareholders British Gas has booked the National Exhibition Centre in Birmingham on August 27 for the first annual meeting.

The Halifax Building Society took the initiative yesterday when it announced a

Gas profits 21  
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cut in the mortgage rate for new borrowers, quickly followed by the Abbey National.

The Halifax has brought its rate down from 11.25 per cent to 10.8 per cent, while the Abbey National has cut its rate from 11.25 per cent to 10.5 per cent.

The new rates apply immediately to new repayment and endowment mortgages. The net monthly payments on an endowment loan of £30,000 over 25 years will fall from £205.32 to £191.63 at the Abbey National and to £197.10 at the Halifax.

The rate charged to existing borrowers at the Halifax and Abbey National remains unchanged at 11.25 per cent for the time being.

Mr John Bayliss, general manager of the Abbey National said: "Revised rates for existing borrowers will be announced shortly."

For the time being, the interest paid to savers with the Halifax and the Abbey National will remain unchanged.

The Nationwide is taking a more cautious approach. Mr Brian Whitfield, general manager, market planning said: "We see no reason for the mortgage rate to be reduced at the moment considering current market conditions."

## Thatcher to hold talks with Reagan in July

The Prime Minister is to hold talks with President Reagan in Washington on July 17, less than five weeks after their meeting last week at the Venice economic summit (Our Foreign Staff writes).

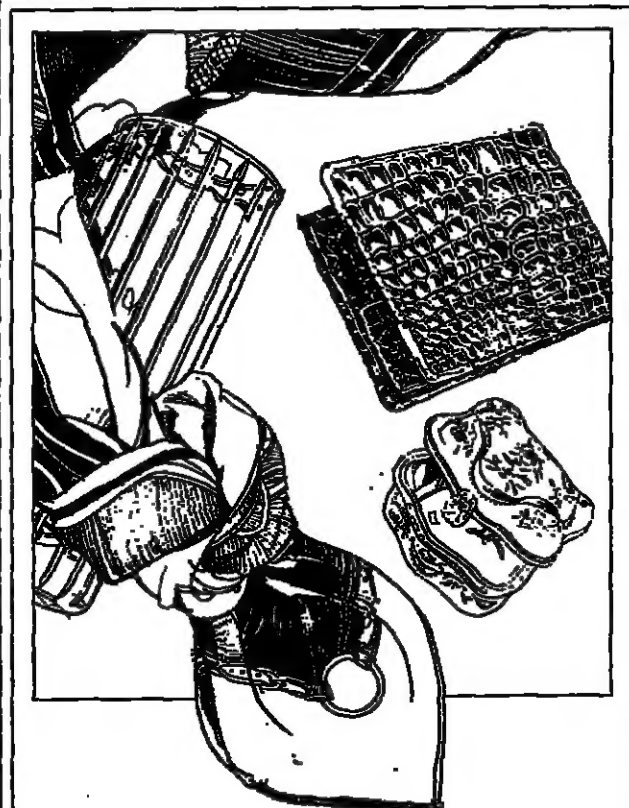
Whitehall sources said the meeting was likely to focus on East-West relations and arms control. Prospects for a treaty to eliminate medium and shorter-range nuclear missiles from Europe are certain to be discussed.

If Moscow persists in making West Germany's 72 Per-

cent shorter-range missile launchers part of the price for an agreement, Mrs Thatcher could be well placed to help in finding a solution.

Mr Reagan, who publicly expressed his admiration for the Prime Minister's foreign and domestic policies during the election campaign, was quick to congratulate her on her victory. His invitation is seen in Washington as a further sign of trust in his most loyal and long-standing European ally.

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## Day of paid Olympics upsets Mark Phillips

By John Goodbody Sports News Correspondent

Captain Mark Phillips yesterday criticized the International Olympic Committee for relaxing its rules and allowing professionals, particularly tennis players like Ivan Lendl, Boris Becker and Martina Navratilova, to compete in the 1988 Games.

Captain Phillips, a member of the British three-day event team which won gold medals at the 1972 Olympics, said that he read "with some regret" of the changes for the Games.

"I have lived and competed in the British three-day era of amateurism and those ideals still occupy a soft spot in my heart. Until now, the IOC has been the last bastion of amateurism: it has held out for the amateur ideals

and kept many sports truly amateur," he writes in the current edition of *Horse and Hound*.

He says that when tennis players were admitted to the Seoul Olympics the world realized that the Games were taking on a new image.

Captain Phillips, who was a member of British teams at three Olympics, details the old eligibility rules including one barring anyone registered as a professional athlete or professional coach from taking part in the Games.

"In no way could Messrs Lendl and Becker and Mrs Navratilova and Graf comply with these rules. All the moguls of tennis now have to do to be eligible for the Games is to take off their sponsorship logos for two or three weeks while they are living and competing at the Olympics."

Pointing out that it is not just the tennis players who are coming into the Games but also professional footballers, he adds: "All players for the Third World are now eligible for the Games, plus everyone who has not played in a World Cup."

"Snooker could well be next. We already have synchronized swimming so why not ballroom dancing and bowls as well?" he asks.

Captain Phillips says that the proliferation of world cups and world championships may have diverted television money and attention from the Olympics, which will "surely never be the same again."

"I fear that their romantic appeal may be gone forever and with it the public appeal, which has made our medallists household names. I fear the

Olympics may become just another one of those TV events that occur every year or two."

He says that the Games were already in danger of becoming too big. "If the IOC believes that by throwing open the doors and making them bigger it will somehow retain its status in world sport, I believe it is sadly mistaken."

Captain Phillips says the Games should have moved in the other direction, by stopping the growth of team competitions and "stayed with" those international federations which were bent on protecting amateur participation, while trying to make an orderly transition from "amateur" to "competitor" or "regulation amateur" status.

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## IN PART 2 Tunnel aid

Eurotunnel announced an interim financing package worth £72.5 million in loans from ten institutions to tide it over until its public share offering. Page 21

## All change

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## Portfolio Gold

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## NEWS SUMMARY

## Airbus triumphs in Paris air show

The Paris Air Show ended on a high note yesterday for the European aircraft industry. French airline UTA lead the way with an order for six Airbus A340 jets, followed by Lufthansa's signing of a contract for a further 15 A340s. Each costs around \$70 million.

The new four-engine long-range Airbus, which has been developed through the cooperation of several European countries, is intended as Europe's challenge to the dominance of Boeing and McDonnell Douglas. The British government has poured £450 million into the project, as a loan to British Aerospace to help the company design and build the wings.

## Driver banned

A lady-in-waiting of the Princess Royal was yesterday banned from driving for a year.

Miss Victoria Legge-Bourke, aged 37, of Eccleston Square, Victoria, central London, was also fined £200 with £25 costs at Horseferry Road Magistrates' Court when she admitted driving in Belgrave Square with excess alcohol.

Miss Legge-Bourke, the £20,000-a-year manager of the American Ambassador's official London residence, was stopped by police as she was driving friends home after dinner, the court was told.

## Presenter off the air

A local radio sports presenter was suspended yesterday after he said the Princess of Wales was "a bit of a dog". Pat Foley also described the Duchess of York as "frumpy and overweight", saying he could find better-looking girls in the local town.

The on-the-air remarks led to the switchboard at Wolverhampton-based Beacon Radio being jammed by protesting callers.

Mr Foley said: "My comments were purely personal opinion. I did not mean to offend anyone."

## Stone Age find saved

A 5,000-year-old work of art has been found on a chalk wall in the path of Dorchester's bypass. Archaeologists who unearthed the 2ft-long engraving by a Stone Age artist have removed the design, part of a stone circle monument and believed to be a fertility symbol.

## Walker jostled

Mr Peter Walker, Secretary of State for Wales, was jostled by Welsh language protesters seeking more money for Welsh education yesterday when he arrived at the Welsh Office in Cardiff.

He said that he had accepted the post with enthusiasm, and Welsh unemployment problems would have a higher profile. Mr Dafydd Elis Thomas, the Plaid Cymru MP, said he would seek a meeting with Mrs Margaret Thatcher to complain about the appointment of a non-Welsh MP to the job.



## Damages for arm

Mr Roy Tapping, aged 37, the Aylesbury farm worker who carried his severed arm, torn off by a baler, a quarter of mile before it was sewn back in a 10-hour operation, was yesterday awarded £45,000 agreed damages in the High Court.

The award was against Mr Richard Markham, of Home Farm, near Chinnor, Oxfordshire, who admitted partial liability.

## Action on hippies

The Forestry Commission expects to obtain a possession order for land near Stonehenge today, to move more than 150 hippies.

The hippies are camped in a wood used as a springboard for an attempt to reach Stonehenge for the solstice this weekend.

The band, the smallest in recent years, moved on to the Forestry Commission land on Tuesday.

## Show steals a march

The date of the Birmingham motor show has been changed to September to beat the rival Paris show and attract more new models and overseas visitors.

The show at the National Exhibition Centre has traditionally come two weeks after the Paris exhibition.

## Ruling against Family Court criticized

By Frances Gibb  
Legal Affairs Correspondent

The Cabinet decision not to proceed at present with the setting up of a Family Court was strongly condemned yesterday by Lady Faithfull, who leads the Family Courts Campaign.

"If this is true then I find it very disturbing and depressing", she said.

A Family Court, which had been under consideration for several years, had the backing of a wide range of people, magistrates and judges, she said.

The Family Courts Campaign would be seeking to raise the matter with MPs and to hold a big meeting to decide what to do.

"I am concerned for the families breaking down, if we are going to get society back on an even keel in this area we really do need the family court."

"For the sake of those who have broken up we do need a more consistent system than what we have at present. The

present system is very expensive, both in terms of happiness, and also in terms of administration."

The proposals outlining the potential range of costs for a family court drawn up by a committee of officials from four government departments came before a Cabinet sub-committee just before the election was called.

The Treasury was unhappy that at the very worst, assuming a big take-up in legal aid, such a court could cost £32 million.

That estimate was at the top

end of a scale, however, which also predicted that a Family Court could save costs.

It was decided not to include the Family Court in the Conservative party manifesto. Yesterday Mr Peter Riches, co-ordinator of the Family Courts Campaign, an umbrella body for some 100 individuals and other bodies, said if the report was true, then the decision not to proceed at present was "morally and financially irresponsible".

"Costs alone cannot be the

basis of such a decision. The suffering of many families which are breaking down could be greatly reduced by a Family Court, but the costs argument also comes down in favour of a Family Court."

He added that such a court, with proper welfare and conciliation services, would reduce the amount of hearings and thus save legal aid.

If only one in 10 of those children coming into care because of divorce stayed with their families some £40 million could be saved.

## BP gets on-shore oil field decision

A large-scale expansion of Western Europe's biggest on-shore oil field can now go ahead, after a High Court decision yesterday.

The decision gives BP Petroleum Developments additional land rights on the 4,700-acre Remington estate, which covers a large part of the Wych Farm oil field on the Isle of Purbeck, Dorset.

In a seven-week hearing into the application by BP, the court was told that the oil company had failed to agree compensation terms for the expansion with the estate's trustees.

The trustees wanted compensation on the basis of the value to BP of what it would be acquiring.

Yesterday Mr Justice Peter Gibson said he accepted BP's claim that the trustees were demanding unreasonable terms.

He said: "In my judgement the correct basis of valuation is the value of what the estate will lose by the grant, that is to say the rights over land having an existing agricultural and forestry use, plus compensation for disturbance."

BP said the additional rights, mainly to bore more wells and construct works on the surface, would enable it to operate Wych Farm to its full commercial capacity.

Production is currently running at about 5,500 barrels a day from the Bridport and Sherwood reservoirs. BP expects total production from the two fields after expansion to reach 60,000 barrels a day at peak.

In his ruling the judge said: "Satisfied as I am that it is in the national interest to grant the rights, I shall do so, subject to BP obtaining authorization under the 1962 Pipelines Act for an oil export pipeline to Southampton Water or appropriate consent for an alternative export route acceptable to Dorset County Council."

While parts of the estate were beautiful, the judge said, the northern part where the oilfield lies, was already adversely affected by the very visible well sites and the commercial plantations managed by the Forestry Commission.

He accepted BP's compensation figure of £333,000 for injurious affection and disturbance, plus 10 per cent of that figure because of the compulsory nature of the acquisition.

BP will pay £267,897 for the value of trees in the woodland areas and for pipeline and cable laying rights.

The question of who pays the extremely large costs of the legal action will be decided at a later date.

## Heysel plea to Belgium

A British lawyer yesterday called on Belgium to drop extradition proceedings against soccer fans facing manslaughter charges in the Brussels courts.

Sir Harry Livermore, a solicitor representing seven of the 26 fans, said they should be tried in Britain.

The charges all arise from the European Cup riots at Belgium's Heysel stadium in May 1985, when violence by British hooligans left 39 dead.

But the lawyer said he was not trying to alter the course of justice or stop the men coming to trial. "England should try its own nationals", he said.

Sir Harry said the guilty would be brought to trial more quickly at home than if they waited for the completion of lengthy extradition proceedings, which could involve a long period of unnecessary detention in Belgian jails.

"The European Human Rights Convention says that an individual is entitled to a fair and speedy trial", Sir Harry said.

But Belgian Justice ministry sources said they understood English law forbade their trial in Britain. "If they could have tried them in Britain, we would not have asked for their extradition", said a spokesman.

Sir Harry also asked that the Mayor of Brussels, M. Hervé Brouhon and the Chief of the Gendarmerie, General Robert Bernaert be tried in Brussels.

He said their negligence had contributed to the tragedy.

## Correction

Contrary to a report yesterday, Mr John Bird (Labour) was elected to the Midlands West constituency of the European Parliament on March 5. Two Conservative members of the European Parliament, Mr David Curry and Mr John Marshall, were elected to Westminster last week.

## Having more men on beat 'will not halt rise in crime'

By Stewart Tessler, Crime Reporter

Pressures for the police to put more men on the beat arose from a "dewey-eyed notion" which ignored the reality of policing problems or manpower, the country's leading police officers were told yesterday.

The Association of Chief Police Officers' conference in Blackpool was told that although putting more "bobbies on the beat" is government policy, and was supported by all parties in the general election, the strategy could not effectively fight crime.

The warning was given by Mr David Phillips, assistant chief constable of Greater Manchester, who said extra beat officers could not stem the rising tide of crime on their own.

Mr Phillips told the conference he was attacking "the most sacred of sacred cows".

Yet in the general election all parties had accepted the policy as "an essential truth", vying with each other to promise to put the most men on the street.

Research showed that half of crimes happened in private places out of view of patrols.

Mr Phillips said that much that the police do at the moment, such as looking for missing children or dealing with sudden deaths, could not be reduced to save manpower.

Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, yesterday agreed that more police officers were needed in some forces.

But he added that increasing the number of officers did not necessarily lead to a fall in reported crime.

"There are specific policing jobs which can only be done by professional police officers which will require, in a good many forces, further officers."

Speaking on *The World at One* on BBC Radio 4, he said he wanted to increase the number of civilians doing appropriate police work, but added: "I do accept that there is a need for the further expansion of the police."

Crime prevention would form a large part of his attempt to reduce inner city crime but he denied that there was a direct link between crime and poverty and unemployment.

"When you go to some of these discouraged areas you do feel there is something amiss with the quality of education. There must be. Otherwise you would not get these children of school age getting so quickly into criminal ways."

Also speaking on the programme was Mr James Anderson, the Chief Constable of Greater Manchester and this year's president of the Association of Chief Police Officers.

He said: "There is such an air of despair and despondency in some of our inner cities, with few jobs, with the social fabric breaking down, with over-crowded hospitals and so on."

"All of that tends to produce an attitude of mind in which people begin not to care any more. That can be a breeding ground for crime and violence and social disorder."

An attack on public figures who made immoderate statements on the Aids problem was launched at the police conference.

The audience included Mr Anderson, who prompted protests last year for his comments linking the disease with homosexuality.

The attack came from Mr Brian Hayes, Chief Constable of Surrey, during a presentation on the problems of Aids.

Mr Hayes said: "Politicians, doctors and others in the public eye have made statements which have only served to add to the potential for panic among the public."

Mr Anderson spoke last year in a cesspool of their own making.

Mr Anderson said his remarks had not been hysterical but were "carefully considered and thoughtful".

## Courage of kidnap Briton's fiancée

The girl friend of a man kidnapped in Beirut hopes to confront the unknown gunmen who have held him for the past 14 months.

Miss Jill Morrell (pictured above), who had planned to marry Mr John McCarthy, a television producer aged 30, before he was abducted, said: "I would like to go to Lebanon and talk to the people who are holding John. Whenever it becomes safe enough I will go in."

Miss Morrell yesterday helped to launch the Friends of John McCarthy Society which aims to campaign for the release of all hostages in Lebanon and to keep the plight of Mr McCarthy in the public eye.

She has had no news of him since he was kidnapped in April 1986.

British journalists working in Beirut have already offered to help Miss Morrell, aged 29, in spite of being warned by the Foreign Office against having contact with the warring factions in Lebanon.

She said that the long wait with no news had been hor-

rible, as though Mr McCarthy, who worked for Worldwide Television News, had been sucked into a vacuum.

"We have always been sure that John is alive and we have to make contact in whatever way we can. We know that he will come back to us one day."

The group launched yesterday is backed by several news organizations, including ITN, whose editor, Mr David Nicholas, is a patron, six Euro-MPs and Lord Pim, president of the European Parliament.

Mr McCarthy, of Barnet, north London, was acting as bureau chief for WIN in Beirut when captured. He had been told to leave the country in the wake of the American bombing of Libya and was snatched on his way to the airport.

No group has claimed responsibility for his kidnapping but there is speculation that he is being held by the pro-Iranian Hezbollah, which is also believed to be holding Mr Terry Waite, the church envoy.

## A right to silence for investigators

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

The police are under no obligation to tell a suspect if they plan to apply for a court order giving them access to confidential information about him, the High Court in London ruled yesterday.

Lord Justice Watkins and Mr Justice Kennedy granted the Director of Public Prosecutions a declaration that the only people entitled to know about an application for "special procedure material" under the Police and Criminal Evidence Act, 1984 were the police making the application and the holder of the material sought.

The court overturned Judge Jowitt's refusal at Leicester Crown Court last December to grant police access to financial accounts held by Elvis Francis because he had not been told about the court application.

The matter was taken to the High Court because Leicester-shire crown prosecutor felt the defendant had no right to influence the material which the police wanted to look at.

Leicestershire's crown prosecutor had told the judges that to allow an accused advance warning could result in threats being made by the accused to prevent the order being effective or in the material sought being destroyed before the order was made.

Miss Alison Hampton, for the DPP, said that police investigating Francis, who faced a charge of living off immoral earnings, applied to the court for access to accounts held by him at Barclays and National Westminster Banks, the Halifax Building Society and The Citibank Savings Trust. The judge refused their application.

Although he did make the order sought on the following day after Francis had been served with notice of the police application, the DPP wanted the High Court's guidance for future cases. She said Francis had later pleaded guilty to the charge and been sentenced.

## City plans to harness waste heat

By Craig Seton

Birmingham City Council is planning a £15 million project to harness waste hot water to heat 8,000 homes at almost half the usual cost.

The scheme would involve pumping hot water to council estates from diesel generators at the city's Fort Dunlop factory. The generators produce big amounts of hot water for use in tyre-making, but since Fort Dunlop was taken over by a Japanese company, the water has not been needed.

Mr Ron Galliers, the city council's assistant engineer, said officials realized that the waste heat was worth £6,000 a hour. The council is now to ask the Government for permission to borrow the £15 million needed to run pipes from the generators.

Mr Galliers said feasibility studies showed that the heat would cost about 50p a therm,

## Former Sogat man 'bullied at work'

By Tim Jones

A former member of Sogat '82 who claims that he was threatened because of his refusal to pay a levy in support of colleagues on strike at News International is taking John Menzies, the newspaper distributor, to an industrial tribunal.

Mr Tony McArdle, a £225-a-week lorry driver at the company's Albion Wharf, south London, depot, is seeking compensation for constructive dismissal. He says that since leaving the union, "it has been impossible for me to work in reasonable expectation of safety at my job."

Mr McArdle resigned from the company last April, months after the membership of Sogat voted in a national ballot against a 50p a week levy in support of the strikers.

His resignation from the union last November led to death threats, attacks on his car, intimidation at work and poor health, he said.

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## Technology colleges' funding plans criticized

By Nicholas Wood  
Political Reporter

The Government should give more details about its plans for 20 city technology colleges, an all-party group of MPs said yesterday.

The MPs say that the scheme raises important questions about the accountability of public spending.

They note that the Department of Education and Science intends to spend between £1,800 and £2,000 a year per pupil on the colleges, much more than the £1,207 a year national unit cost for secondary schooling and rather more than the inner city average.

The Education, Science and Arts Committee says in a report on the department's expenditure plans that ministers should explain precisely the role and responsibilities of the department, head teachers and governors in controlling the new schools.

The schools will be supported by a direct grant from Whitehall and run by charitable trusts, with private industry paying for the premises.

The report says that the colleges should be subject to independent assessment, and calls for more details, before the first of them opens, on

financing, administration and accountability.

The committee also expresses concern, in a separate report, about the workings of the 1981 Education Act covering the schooling of children with learning difficulties.

The Act, which has been in place for the past four years, requires local education authorities to take all practicable steps to ensure that children with physical and mental handicaps are integrated into everyday schools wherever possible.

The committee records that 147 special schools have closed since January, 1982

and suggests that, in the absence of clear central guidelines, local education authorities may have been somewhat hasty in closing such schools.

"There is a need for clear recognition of the important place held by special schools under the Act as part of an LEA's provision of special educational needs, linked with their provision through primary and secondary schools", it says.

The committee says that progress has been hampered by lack of money.

"A commitment of extra resources is needed", it adds. The spending report says

that, in addition to the extra money devoted to teachers' pay, there has been a real increase in current expenditure on education and science between 1985/86 and 1986/87.

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# Jail over VAT fraud for trio who melted down £20m in gold

By Andrew Morgan

Three businessmen were convicted at the Central Criminal Court yesterday of taking part in a VAT gold fraud involving millions of pounds.

After a five-month trial, the jury found the three men guilty of defrauding the Customs and Excise of £2.9 million through making false VAT returns on gold transactions worth £20 million, which had been carried out over a seven-month period.

It was the second trial resulting from Operation Ernie, the Customs and Excise prosecution which started in 1981.

That proved to be the longest and most complex operation the department had undertaken, involving the suspected theft of VAT worth nearly £20 million. So far, nothing has been recovered.

Alexander Grunfield, aged 43, a company director of St John's Wood, north-west London, was sentenced to four years. Thomas Lee, aged 43, a director of Tee Jay Antiques, of Haslingden, Lancashire, was given three years; and George White, aged 37, the owner of a dry-cleaning chain, from Chigwell, Essex, was sentenced to two years.

Judge Coombe made criminal bankruptcy orders of

£1,650,000 each against Grunfield and Lee. White was ordered to pay £10,000 compensation to the tax authorities. The judge said the trio had taken part in a carefully planned, sophisticated and organized fraud.

The judge discharged the jury from further service for life, praising their patience through the five-month trial. He said the case showed the importance of jury trials for complicated frauds.

A fourth accused, Miss Margaret Braithwaite, aged 33, a former beauty queen and company director from Wallingham, Surrey, was cleared of taking part in the fraud. She wept after the jury, which had deliberated for nearly 16 hours, announced their verdict.

The court heard that the men bought gold coins, mainly Canadian maple leaf coins, and melted them down into gold bars, selling them to legitimate bullion dealers. Mr Douglas Blair, for the prosecution, said that at the time the coins were exempt from VAT. But if they were melted down and sold as bars, then the purchaser had to pay 15 per cent VAT on top of the price.

He told the court that instead of passing this VAT to the Customs and Excise, the

defendants had sold it away after using a chain of bogus invoices. The invoices were allegedly provided by three dealers from Hatton Garden, in central London, now on the run.

The court was told that Grunfield, a Swiss-born bachelor, ran Rushfern Limited, a precious metal dealers in the Royal Exchange, Manchester, with a £10 million turnover and £400,000 annual profits.

He was said to have bought 40,000 one-ounce gold coins over a seven-month period. The racket, in which Thomas Lee melted the coins, helped Grunfield to buy homes in Surrey and St John's Wood.

The prosecution said that George White, who set up a front company, Shinechoice Limited, to buy more gold, almost escaped detection. But Customs officers recognized his handwriting on VAT returns he made when keeping the books for an Epsom public house. An expert confirmed they matched documents in the fraud.

Judge Coombe's criminal bankruptcy orders were the second in Operation Ernie. In the first trial, orders of more than £7 million each were made against two men, as well as a contribution of £390,000 towards prosecution costs.

## Operation Ernie's jackpot

By Andrew Morgan

Nine Customs and Excise VAT specialists have spent six years so far on Operation Ernie, poring through tons of documents to isolate the most complex webs of fraud valued at £20 million on gold sales of £160 million. It was mostly centred on dealers in Hatton Garden, central London.

The officers followed circuitous routes through bank accounts in the UK as well as West Germany, Israel, Canada and Switzerland.

One officer said the courtroom during the subsequent trials resembled the reading-room of the British Museum, with a 350-volume set of court exhibits standing 30 feet high. Initially, 84,000 documents were confiscated, reduced to 5,000 at the trials.

The trial finishing yesterday was the second resulting from Operation Ernie, so-called

after the dealing among certain bullion businesses, which seemed to have "hit a jackpot", was first noticed during the 1981 gold boom.

The first trial lasted six months and ended in April last year with the jailing of two brothers, David and Emmanuel Schreiber, convicted of £9 million worth of VAT offences on gold transactions of £80 million in 11 months. A third man, Moshe Getter, was given a 12-month suspended sentence.

A third trial is still pending but the main defendants, facing allegations of a £7.5 million VAT fraud, absconded before it could start. Three of the men, Bernhard de Vries, Abraham Lipshitz and Benjamin Stolberg, all dealers from Hatton Garden, are alleged to have charged £5,000 for false VAT-bearing invoices. It is

thought they now live in Israel.

So far, about £2.5 million has been spent on the case. More than 260 witnesses have appeared, with some flown in from Switzerland, Israel, West Germany and Canada to appear at the Central Criminal Court.

More than 40 businesses in the Hatton Garden area were investigated, as well as 7 bank accounts, before charges were pressed.

During those proceedings, the Lycium Ballroom had to be hired to store all the documents. Photocopying alone is estimated at £100,000.

The law was changed in 1983, putting VAT on gold coins, but it is believed that similar frauds cost the Exchequer £200 million in the previous four years.



Moshe Getter (left), David Schreiber and his brother Emmanuel, who were all found guilty in the first VAT gold fraud trial arising out of Operation Ernie.

## A Tebbit facelift for HQ

By Nicholas Wood  
Political Reporter

The interior of Conservative Central Office is to be gutted and rebuilt under a plan put forward by Mr Norman Tebbit, the party chairman.

Mr Tebbit has instructed Lord Alton of Liverpool, a director of the family construction company, to undertake a full review of the building in Smith Square, Westminster.

Party sources indicated that it is likely to lead to a complete revamp of the interior of the red brick post-war building, which has been Tory Party headquarters since 1958.

The review is part of a fundamental overhaul of the party election machine, the effectiveness of which was called into question during the general election campaign, with criticisms levelled by ministers at the degree of coordination between Smith Square, 10 Downing Street and Whitehall, and complaints of a lacklustre media effort.

The main conference room, which was used for daily press conferences, proved too small to comfortably accommodate the Prime Minister, her colleagues and the accompanying throng of reporters and camera operators.

As a result, the images of Conservative press conferences, a central ingredient in television coverage, lacked the professionalism of those organized by the Labour Party.

The existing premises, which house 140 full-time staff, are also thought to be ill-suited for accommodating the latest computer and communications equipment.

## Train fare increases 'Aim is to deter passengers'

By Rodney Cowton, Transport Correspondent

The railway users' watchdog body, the Central Transport Consultative Committee, is going to raise with British Rail evidence that it may be using fare increases as a means of controlling overcrowding on trains.

On Sunday most cheap "saver" fares are being increased by between 5 and 10 per cent. An internal British Rail document about a meeting which took place last November says that InterCity, which operates long-distance passenger trains, intended to control overcrowding by a fares policy.

The consultative committee said it had long suspected that that was British Rail policy,

and the document appeared to prove it.

The issue would be raised with British Rail. The problem was that the railways did not have enough rolling stock to meet the booming passenger demand.

They should obtain more rolling stock, and re-schedule services to meet demand. British Rail did not challenge the genuineness of the document, but said that it was the minutes of an operations management group, who were not involved in fares policy.

It denied that the purpose of the saver fare increases was to reduce over-crowding by deterring people from travelling. It said that saver fares,

which are substantially lower than standard return tickets, were often adjusted to take account of market conditions. Not all saver fares would be going up on Sunday, and some which were would still be cheaper than in 1985.

Among saver fares which would not be increasing were those from London to Manchester, York, Newcastle and Leeds.

The saver fare from London to Edinburgh was going up by £3 to £60, and while that from London to Glasgow was rising by about 10 per cent, the "low" saver, which cannot be used on Fridays, would still be cheaper than in 1985. Many of the fares were going up by about £1.

## 'Brain skilled' will dominate future workforce

By John Spicer  
Employment Affairs Correspondent

"Brain skilled" employees will soon dominate the country's workforce with the rest doing part-time or contractual work, in a complete reversal of the situation 50 years ago when most of the employed were manual workers.

And by the beginning of the next century the large permanent staffs employed by the bigger companies will be a thing of the past.

That was the picture of working Britain within the next decade painted by Professor Charles Handy, a leading authority on employment organization, in a speech to a gathering of 600 personnel managers from all over Europe in London yesterday.

He said that the country was about to see a complete reversal

of the scene 50 years ago when 70 per cent of the workforce were manual workers. It will not be long, he said, before 70 per cent were "knowledge workers".

Professor Handy said the changes were already happening and could be seen in the growth of part-time work. At present 16 million people out of 24 million were in full-time work. By 1990 that figure would fall to 14 million and by the end of the century, only half (12 million) of the workforce would have full-time jobs.

The rest would be self-employed, part-timers or without work. Professor Handy, a special adviser to the House of Commons select committee on employment, said companies would soon be made up of a professional core of people

who would be highly educated, highly paid and work extremely hard and for whom "burnout" will be a fashionable disease.

Their firms would contract out much of their work. "The question now," the professor said, "is why keep a large staff for work that someone else can do more cheaply at competitive rates?"

The ideal workforce, he added, would be flexible and largely part-time. "We have discovered that it makes crazy economic sense to pay overtime at higher than the going rate for the job. The answer is a flexible workforce working for 2½ days or 2½ months as required."

Professor Handy said the time was coming when everyone would have a job for a time—but not all the time. He also warned his audience that

## Heavy lorries 'should face minor roads ban'

By Rodney Cowton, Transport Correspondent

Heavy goods vehicles should be banned from many minor country roads because of the structural damage they cause, according to a paper prepared for the Institution of Civil Engineers.

The paper has been prepared by the institution's infrastructure policy group, and will be discussed at a conference in London today.

It says the main cause of damage to roads and bridges appears to be heavy goods vehicles, and that the effect is especially severe on bridges and minor roads.

There is too much emphasis on the maintenance of major roads which have relatively minor problems, and not enough on minor roads, which

## Mother in moors plea to Brady

The distraught mother of one of the two missing moorland victims last night wrote to Ian Brady following his refusal to accept a letter from his former lover, Myra Hindley, begging him to pinpoint the youngsters' graves.

Twenty-four hours after Hindley made her dramatic plea to the one-time inseparable companion with whom she has not communicated for 16 years, Brady issued instructions that her letter from Cookham Wood jail was to be returned unopened.

Mr Benedict Birnberg, a solicitor, said, after a telephone conversation with Brady in Park Lane special hospital, Merseyside, that the diagnosed psychopath had told hospital officials not to hand him the letter.

Immediately after being told of Brady's reaction, Mrs Winifred Johnson, the mother of 12-year-old Keith Bennett, who disappeared 23 years ago, sent a letter to Brady from her home in Fallowfield, Manchester.

She hopes that although Brady has disregarded Hindley's appeal to reveal the whereabouts of the two graves on Saddleworth Moor, he will show more compassion to the mother of one of his victims.

Mrs Johnson, 53, said she and the mother of teenager Pauline Reade had lived a nightmare existence since their children disappeared. It would only end when Brady broke the silence he has maintained over two decades and told police precisely where the bodies are buried.

A police search for the bodies continued yesterday.

## Royal shelter from Ascot thunder



The Princess of Wales and a friend sheltering under an umbrella during one of the two thunderstorms yesterday that made for a wet programme of racing on the second day of Royal Ascot (Photograph: Julian Herbert).

## Tenerife is cheapest on holiday

By Derek Harris

Tenerife is the least expensive place for a holiday although Corfu is best for a three-course dinner and the cheapest beer can be found in Rhodes.

A new guide to the cost of holiday living from Thomas Cook, which puts dinner at a Corfu restaurant at £3.33 a head and beer in Rhodes at 33p a half-litre, finds also that Tenerife is cheapest for wine, at 75p a litre. The same amount on the Greek island of Skiathos costs £2.85.

Meanwhile, ice-cream lovers will spend less in Cyprus, Malta, Tenerife and Yugoslavia than elsewhere.

Thomas Cook, which has extended its annual survey to include 19 holiday resorts, mostly around the Mediterranean, finds that car hire rates make the Greek islands look the most expensive overall, yet for most holiday purchases they are among the cheapest.

Equally, Malta, which with Sicily and Sardinia, Italy, is regarded as one of the most expensive destinations, comes out fourth cheapest overall because of low car hire rates.

Sorrento has the most expensive beer, at £1.20 a half-litre, while the Costa del Sol is second cheapest for beer, at 38p a half-litre.

The most expensive resort is Crete, again because of high car hire rates which are three times as much as in Lanzarote, the cheapest place for car hire.

If both car hire and petrol costs are excluded, Corfu rates as the cheapest destination, followed by Minorca, Tenerife, Cyprus, Crete and Rhodes.

Taking all costs into account, Tenerife is the cheapest, followed by Lanzarote, Majorca, Malta, Gran Canaria and the Costa del Sol.

## Police on trial 'Victim heard bone crack'

By David Cross

A youth who was one of five allegedly attacked and beaten by police officers heard a snap like a cracking bone, the Central Criminal Court in London was told yesterday.

Gary Foley, who was aged 14 at the time of the incident nearly four years ago, said there was a lot of moaning and groaning from his friends. "I heard one of the other boys really crying out", he said.

One of the officers allegedly went up to Baltimore Ranger, then aged 16, and hit him with his knee. "I saw a helmet and a shock of blond hair coming out from behind. The officer grabbed me by the neck and punched me on the left eye."

"I noticed his dark moustache. As I doubled up I saw different boots kicking into my legs from all sides."

After the attack, which took place in a quiet side street off the Holloway Road in north London, one of the officers ordered them to go.

"We just ran and carried on running to the nearest pub."

Next day, when Gary Foley was examined by a police doctor, he had a black eye and scratches on his neck.

Daniel Jenkins, who was aged 16 at the time of the incident, said that Baltimore Ranger had been punched in the face and ended up with a broken nose.

"Gary was being punched about the head and then I was punched on the side of the face", he said. He had suffered bruises and grazes on his back and legs from kicks or truncheons.

Eric Ranger, Baltimore's brother, then aged 14, was bleeding badly from the attack.

The prosecution says that the five innocent boys were beaten up by four uniformed constables in a "disgraceful episode" in George's Road after a fair. Mr Roy Amlot, for the prosecution, said that the officers failed to own up to their alleged involvement in the assaults until several years later.

PC Edward Main and PC Nicholas Wise, both aged 27, and PC Michael Gavin and PC Michael Parr, both aged 28, all deny assaulting four of the youths—Baltimore and Eric Ranger, Gary Foley and Daniel Jenkins—causing them actual bodily harm. They also deny assaulting a fifth boy, Dursan Nalbant, aged 13 at the time.

The four constables and Sgt Colin Edwards, aged 34, also deny conspiring to pervert the course of justice by making false statements about the attack.

Miss Lisa Cole, now aged 17, said she heard banging and shouting and saw a fist go into a boy's stomach. The boy fell back on to the railings. One of them had a bad eye and his face was covered in blood.

Miss Ann Troy, now aged 19, said that she could see five or six men in uniform with truncheons hitting the youths. "Some of the kids were running past and blood went all over my coat", she said. The case resumes today.

## Tory MPs attack TV 'bias'

A group of Conservative MPs may try to block a television company's attempt to renew its franchise because they claim it is biased against their party.

The group, consisting of the handful of Tories elected to Labour-dominated North-east England, will meet at the House of Commons today to decide on what action to take against the Newcastle-based Tyne Tees Television company, which they believe contributed to the region's anti-Government swing.

Tyne Tees denied the allegation yesterday but Mr Richard Holt, MP for Langbath in Cleveland, said he felt that the station's coverage of the elec-

tion campaign had helped the local swing to Labour, including the defeat of Piers Merchant, the Tory MP for Newcastle Central since 1983.

Mr Holt was particularly upset by the live current affairs phone-in programme, *Nightline*. He claimed that studio audiences had been packed with left-wingers, that calls from the public had been vetted, while its so-called opinion polls had been totally wrong.

The MPs are to consider opposing the renewal of the Tyne Tees franchise in 1992 "unless there was a dramatic re-appraisal of their attitude towards the Conservative Party".

He claimed that bias was not confined to Tyne Tees and said he had already sent a letter of complaint to the director general of the BBC making a similar accusation regarding Radio Cleveland, which covers his constituency, and BBC television in Newcastle.

Tyne Tees said: "Our coverage was scrupulously fair and impartial. Mr Holt himself was given ample opportunity to express his views on one of our three *Nightline* programmes devoted to important election issues."

The BBC said: "Political balance across the three main parties was scrupulously maintained by BBC North-east."

## Portfolio Gold Card leads to family success

Mr John Clark, a retired bank manager, of Petersfield, Hampshire, has found a family asset in his Portfolio Gold card.

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## Vigilante fear over firearms

By Peter Evans  
Home Affairs Correspondent

A big increase in the number of firearm and shotgun certificates has renewed fears that guns are being bought for protection against violent crime.

Home Office figures for England and Wales released yesterday showed a rise in the number of firearm certificates to 160,385 in 1985, after a steady decline from 216,281 in 1968 to 159,804 in 1983. Shotgun certificates have increased from 715,453 in 1971 to 819,333.

Meanwhile, Scotland Yard figures for the metropolis showed that permits for shotguns jumped from 30,293 in 1984 to 41,814 in 1986. Firearm certificates rose from 8,877 to 9,084.

Mr Anthony Beaumont-Dark, Conservative MP for Selly Oak, said yesterday that people should have more right to protect themselves against burglars and muggers.

He said that the acquittal of Bernhard Goetz of the attempted murder of four alleged muggers on the New York subway showed that in America, "ordinary men and women are tired of being mugged, of having their homes robbed and their lives put at risk. The same is happening in this country."

Mr Tony Judge, a spokesman for the Police Federation, said yesterday that it was against the purchase of guns for self-protection. A burglar could find himself in possession of a murder weapon if he got hold of the gun.

Mr Paul Roberts, past chairman of the Gun Trade Association, said yesterday: "The experience of the trade is that we have had no sales of shotguns other than for genuine sporting purposes."

## Offensive hats upset holiday air

By Frances Gibb  
Legal Affairs Correspondent

Police in Lincolnshire are to use new powers to deal with a craze that is apparently offending families at seaside resorts.

Young holidaymakers have taken to wearing sexually explicit and obscene T-shirts and hats carrying imitation excrement and genitalia.

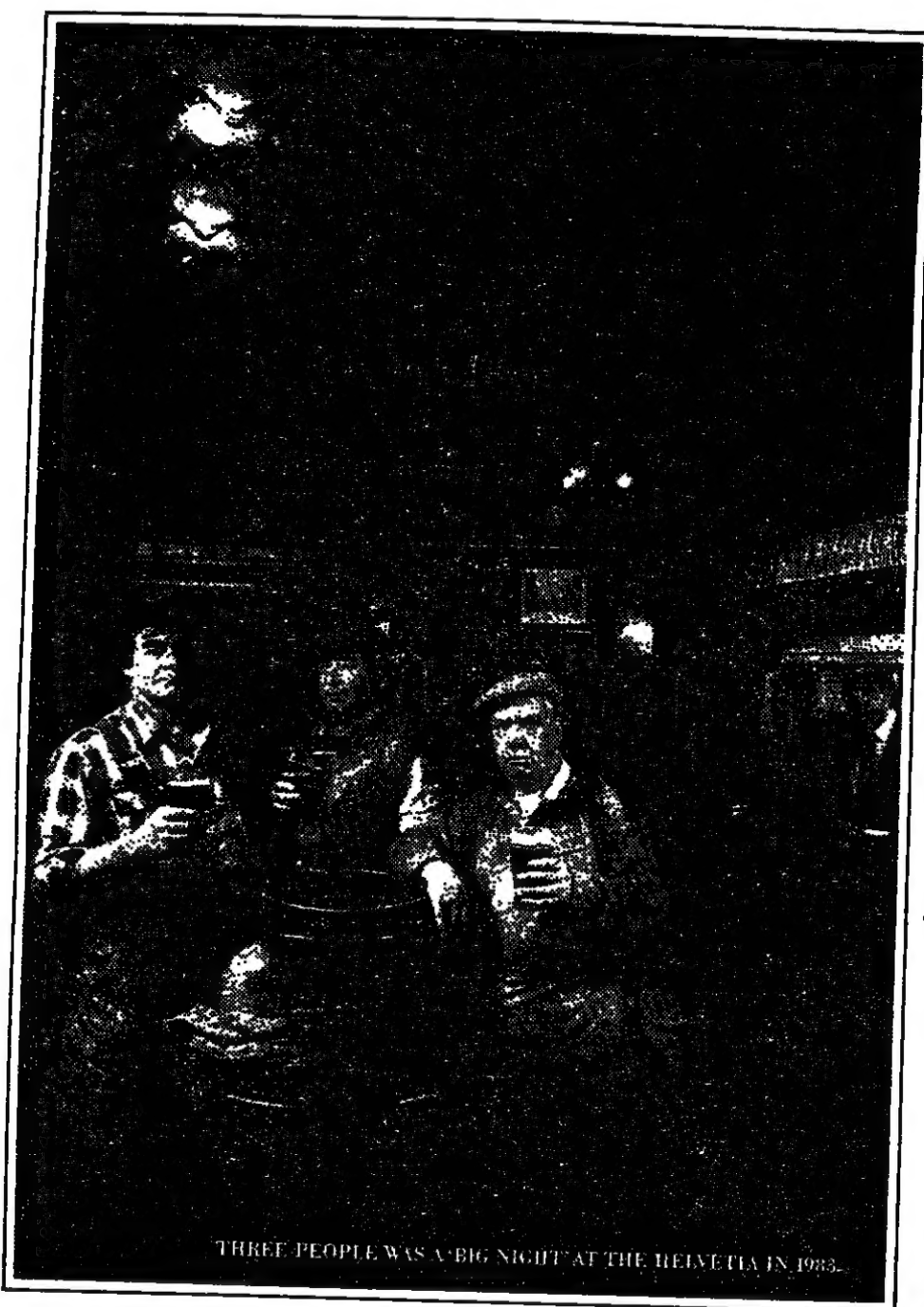
Police in Skegness and Mablethorpe, who have been inundated with complaints, have decided to tackle the problem with new powers under the Public Order Act 1986, which enables them to prosecute offenders and confiscate the offending articles. A number of people have already been reported for prosecution.

Chief Insp Nigel Cobbold, of Skegness police, said yesterday that the offending items were "something we are not prepared to tolerate because they are distressing to the great majority of people coming here on holiday... we will take action where necessary."



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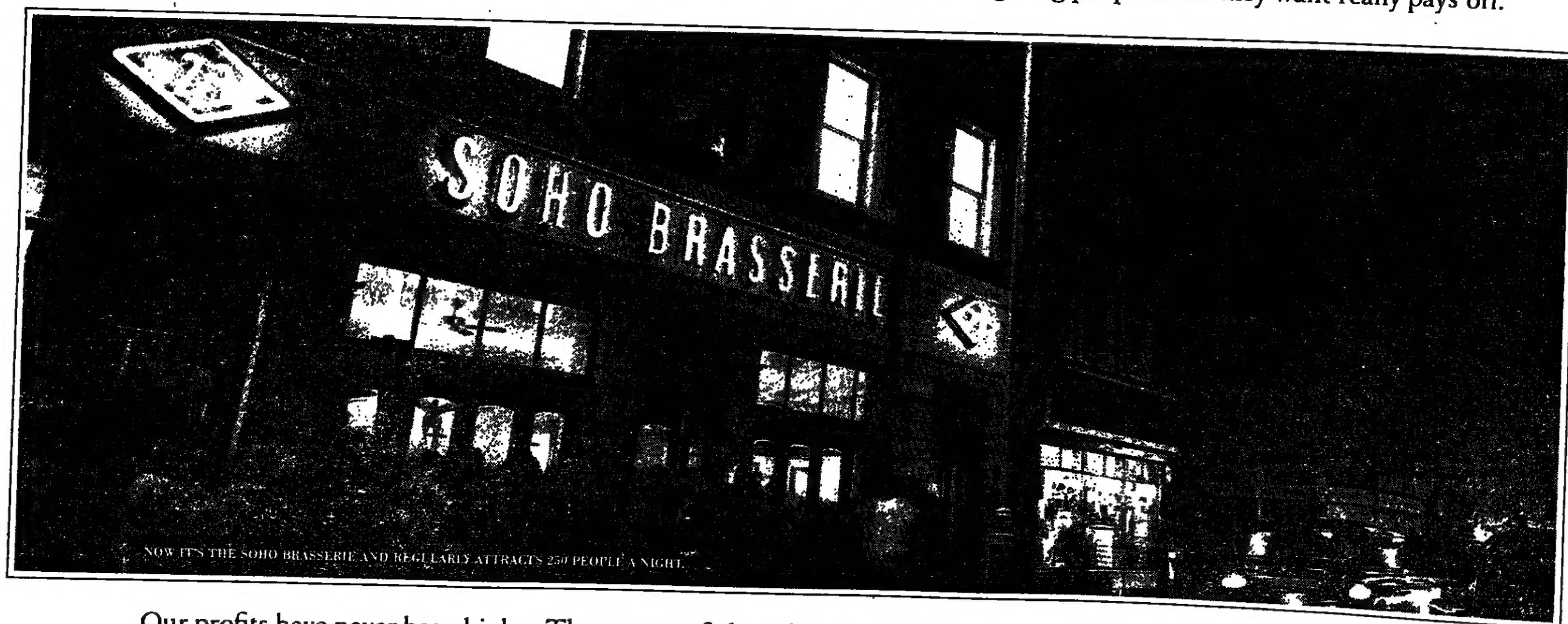


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## Crown service wants to use unqualified prosecutors

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

Unqualified staff in the Crown Prosecution Service may take cases in magistrates' courts as part of a shake-up designed to bring greater efficiency.

Senior staff and outside management consultants, called in to improve the service, are suggesting that people who have degrees, but no professional qualifications, should be able to prosecute minor cases such as motoring offences. The move, designed to "achieve the best use of skilled resources", would be a radical departure from present practice. In general, only the service's lawyers who are qualified solicitors or barristers can take cases to the courts, although there are some limited rights for local authority and government employees.

The union representing crown prosecution staff, the First Division Association, yesterday said the proposal was a matter of considerable concern. According to the union, unqualified staff in some areas already screen cases to decide whether there should be a prosecution.

The association said: "We

are totally and utterly opposed to the use of unqualified staff either for vetting or to take cases in the courts".

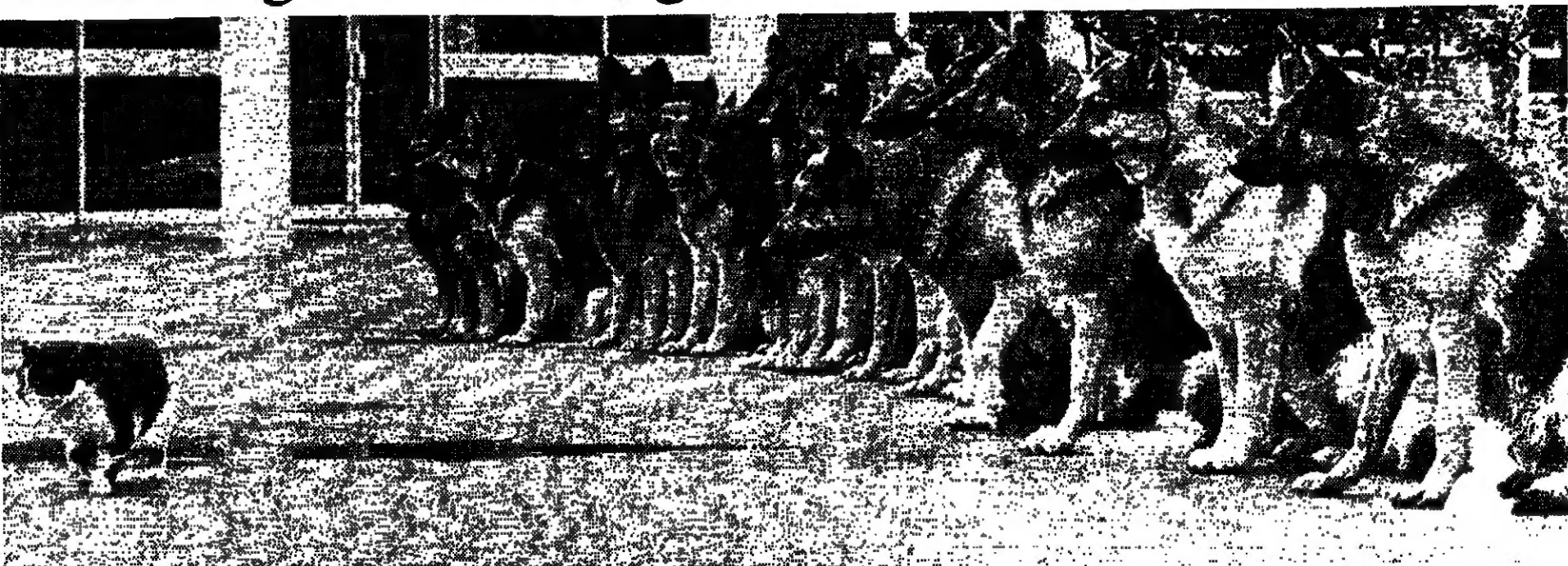
The service management maintains that any screening of cases by unqualified staff would be "under the supervision of a lawyer. But the association says they were already making decisions on motoring offences.

Mr Anthony Draycott, clerk to the Doncaster justices and recently retired as chairman of the Justices' Clerks' Society legal committee, said that if the Crown Prosecution Service went down this road, he personally would be "rather unhappy".

Yesterday the service said the details were still being "hammered out" but denied unqualified staff would review a case to see if it should continue. They would do the initial screening only, to make sure all necessary papers were present.

The new management strategy has been devised to set the service on a more stable path after its first year of "crisis management".

## Police dogs face the toughest test for choosing champion



Catwalk training — 16 German Shepherds hold ranks as they practise at Keston Dog Training School, Kent, for this month's Police Dog Championships (Photograph: Paul Lovelace)

## Fitness challenge to North

A hope that Britain's healthiest couple came from the North of England was expressed by Mrs Edwina Currie, Under-Secretary of State for Health, yesterday.

Earlier this year Mrs Currie annoyed many people there by claiming their diet consisted too much of beer and chips.

Yesterday Mrs Currie launched a competition, sponsored by the Health Education Authority, Brooke Bond Tea and TV Times, to find Britain's healthiest couple.

At the launch, outside the House of Commons, she said: "I would love some North-ers to prove me wrong by winning the competition."

It is open to any couple over 18, including brothers and sisters. The judges will include Miss Winsey Willis, the television weather forecaster, and Mr Jeff Thompson, the former world karate champion.

Did Mrs Currie think she was a front-runner for the contest?

"It's for Britain's healthiest couple", she emphasized, perhaps thinking of her husband, Mr Ray Currie, who still smokes.

Heats for the competition will be in Glasgow, Leeds, Birmingham, Bristol and London.

The winners will receive a new car, a holiday in Lanzarote, £200 and a year's supply of tea. Application forms are in the TV Times. Health, page 12

## 'Gay lessons' anger Muslims

By John Clare, Education Correspondent

Organizations representing up to 20,000 Muslims in the London Borough of Brent yesterday called on the council to scrap plans to promote "positive images of homosexuality" in its 100 primary and secondary schools.

A resolution sent to the council by 15 area Muslim groups describes the proposals as an attempt to "destabilize the divinely-inspired family unit".

It condemns the nature of sex education in schools attended by Muslims and demands the right to withdraw children from such lessons.

The organizations are planning to ask Christians and members of other faiths in the borough to join them in an "all faiths" campaign.

Mr Ibrahim Hewitt, for the groups, said: "There is very strong feeling about this in the Muslim community. Homo-

sexuality is forbidden in Islam. "Brent council says it wants sex education to get away from the stereotyped family unit. It says it regards gay and lesbian couples as families. We regard that as totally unacceptable."

The Muslims' resolution asks the council to say how the proposals will be implemented and demands details of books and teaching materials to be used.

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## Weatherill put back in chair

Mr Bernard Weatherill, who showed the traditional reluctance to take the chair, was overwhelmingly re-elected by a packed chamber as Speaker of the House of Commons. Backbenchers and leaders of the political parties spoke warmly of his occupancy of the chair. He has been Speaker since 1983.

A number of MPs, including Mr Weatherill, expressed their support for the televising of the Commons.

They were first summoned to the House of Lords by Black Rod to hear the reading of the Queen's commission for the assembly of the new Parliament. On their return, Mr Cranley Onslow (Woking, C) first congratulated Sir Bernard Braine on becoming Father of the House (the MP with the longest continuous service) and then moved the motion that the Rt Hon Bernard Weatherill should take the Chair of the House as Speaker.

He said: We know how patient he can be and how impatient we can make him (Laughter). He also knows a fair bit about us and that is no doubt a great advantage to him.

He said that when Mr Weatherill first became Speaker he had promised to be faithful to the House and its members, to be faithful in seeking to achieve absolute impartiality and fairness and in protecting the rights of minorities as well as the majority. The House knew that

years in the whips' office and it is not always good that comes out of there (Laughter). My suspicions were enhanced when the proposition was made by an ex-chieftain whip on that (the Government) side and by a pairing whip on this (the Opposition) side. A put-up job, obviously. The "usual channels" up to their usual tricks — (laughter) — but it was not like that at all.

Mr Weatherill had discharged his office in a way that brought honour to the House.

"That does not mean to say we agree with all his decisions, and I daresay some of his future decisions we will contest in the polite manner we always employ."

The Speakership was the very highest honour which the House of Commons itself could confer on one of its own members. It was higher, in some senses, than any other because it was the Speaker more than anybody else who embodied the very best traditions of the House and, in modern times, its democratic traditions.

Mr Weatherill said that nobody was more conscious than he of the high honour conferred on an MP chosen to be Speaker.

"I submit myself with great humility to the will of the House. If the great honour of the Speakership is conferred upon me I pledge myself anew to the service of Parliament and all its Members, irrespective of party, and I will strive to maintain at all times impartiality and fairness."

Sir Bernard Braine then put the motion that Mr Weatherill "take the chair of this House as Speaker". After this had been noisily approved, Mr Foot and Mr Onslow led Mr Weatherill to the Speaker's chair and he took over the proceedings from Sir Bernard.

Then followed tributes from the Prime Minister, Mr Kinlock, Leader of the Opposition, Mr David Steel, for the Liberal/SDP Alliance, Mr James Molyneux and the Rev Ian Paisley, for the Unionists, Mr Dafydd Thomas, for the Welsh and Scottish Nationalists.

Mrs Margaret Thatcher: We already know that in the heat of debate, that when the tempers of others may shorten yours will not. When in the excitement of a greatly contested issue others may draw you into taking sides you will remain resolutely impartial.

Mr Kinlock: Even a Speaker as sensitive to moods and as accommodating by nature as you cannot let everyone speak on the day that they want, at the time that they want or even in the debate that they want. (Laughter)

This House is grateful to you for your services and assistance in the past and wishes you well in your future period of office.

We trust that the future will never again find you in the unenviable position of having to deny to the House of Commons material which unknown to you had been widely and publicly available elsewhere.



Mr Weatherill: Conscious of the high honour

he had discharged those promises right honourably.

"I can think of no one better to resume the Chair in this Parliament and I commend this motion to the House." (Cheers) Mr Michael Foot (Blaenau Gwent, Lab), seconding the motion, said that in all his long years in the House he had never knowingly agreed with a proposition especially favoured by Mr Onslow (Laughter). But he was happy on this occasion to make two exceptions.

First, he gladly joined Mr Onslow in congratulating Sir Bernard Braine. Secondly, he was also prepared now to agree with Mr Onslow in his remarks about Mr Weatherill, though he must acknowledge that, like some others, he had some suspicions of him before he was elected Speaker in 1983.

"After all, he had served some

## Havers takes over

In the House of Lords, Sir Michael Havers made his first appearance in the robes and full bottomed wig of Lord Chancellor, to read the order from Her Majesty the Queen establishing that "a certain Parliament be holden at our City of Westminster".

Sir Michael's unfamiliarity with the new costume led him to don his tricorn hat backwards. The righting of this error, following a whispered word in his ear from an alert usher, brought sympathetic cheers and smiles from the assembled benches of peers and bishops.

He read the order seated behind the Woolsack between members of the Royal Commission: Lady Secar, Leader of the

Yesterday, British Gas announced its first annual results since it became a public company — and there's good news for shareholders and customers alike.

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Despite a massive fall in oil prices in 1986, which intensified competition in industrial and commercial markets, and reduced turnover, British Gas succeeded in improving its profits significantly.

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Operating Profit	1005 (CCA)	(up 46% on 1986)
Profit	1244 (HCA)	(up 24% on 1986)
Profit before Taxation	1062 (CCA)	
Earnings	1293 (HCA)	
Earnings per Share	57.5 (CCA)	
	80.6 (HCA)	
Dividend (net)	13.9p (CCA)	
	19.4p (HCA)	
	-0.0p	

The results and balance sheet shown in the above statement have been audited by the auditors appointed to the company, Messrs. Price Waterhouse Coopers, and are included in the Annual Report and Accounts which will be sent to the shareholders of the company and distributed to shareholders in late July.

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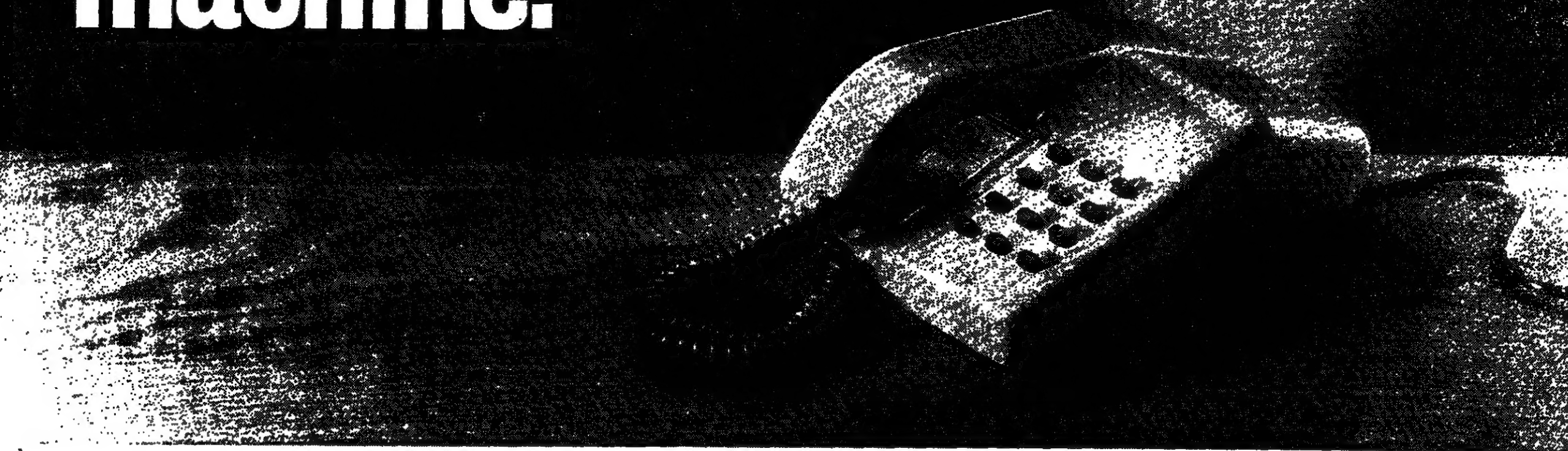
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## WORLD SUMMARY

## Floods claim 132 lives in China

Peking (AP) — Torrential rains and flooding in Shaanxi province have killed 132 people, bringing to 356 the number killed in rains in China since the beginning of May. The rains and flooding in the southern part of the province also destroyed thousands of homes and caused damage to more than 148,000 acres of farmland.

The hardest hit areas were Shanyang, Danfeng and Shangnan counties, where rains on June 4 and 6 swept away 264 villages and inundated the town of Manchuan. Over 900,000 people in the area were affected by the flooding.

Meanwhile, five new fires have been spotted in Inner Mongolia in virgin forests to the south of Daxinganling, where previous fires raged for almost a month. The new fire started last Thursday in the Yunganshan Plains and by Tuesday had burnt 1,300 acres of land, the *People's Daily* said.

## Israel hits New ruler Shia bases in Sharjah

Sidon (AP) — Israeli bombers and helicopter gunships hit Shia Muslim and Palestinian guerrilla bases in south Lebanon yesterday while Israeli troops and their Christian militia allies shelled six Shia towns. Police said the two air strikes killed at least two people and wounded four; the artillery barrage killed a woman and wounded six people.

The raids raised the number of Israeli air strikes into Lebanon this year to 18 and followed mounting guerrilla attacks on Israel's self-designated "security zone".

## New ruler in Sharjah

Abu Dhabi (Reuters) — The ruler of Sharjah, Sheikh Sultan bin Mohammad al-Qasbi, yesterday abdicated in favour of his brother, Sheikh Abdel-Aziz bin Mohammad al-Qasbi, the United Arab Emirates news agency WAM reported.

In a statement Sheikh Sultan said: "Mistakes were made in planning our financial policy... Accordingly, serious damage has developed and debts have accumulated on our budget." The new ruler immediately issued a decree to reorganise local government in Sharjah.

## India election clashes

Chandigarh (Reuters) — Eleven people were reported injured in clashes during state assembly elections in the north Indian state of Haryana yesterday. Officials in Chandigarh, the state capital, said eight people were hurt when a supporter of the ruling Congress (I) party shot at opponents in Narwana, while three Congress supporters were thrown on to burning vehicles by opposition supporters. Despite the violence, 72 per cent of the 8.7 million voters cast ballots. The poll is crucial for Mr Rajiv Gandhi, the Prime Minister.

## Police fire Colombia ambush

Bogota (Reuters) — Suspected left-wing guerrillas ambushed a military convoy and killed at least 29 government soldiers near San Vicente del Caguan in a remote area of southern Colombia. Two army trucks carrying about 70 soldiers, most of them in their late teens, were blown up in the attack on Tuesday night, which also left 10 soldiers unaccounted for and 30 wounded.

## Sex star's 'manifesto'

Rome (Reuters) — The Italian sex star Ilona Staller, left, better known as Cicciolina, says she will raise the issues of love, sensuality and nuclear power when she takes up her recently won parliamentary seat, and might even appear naked. She was elected to the Chamber of Deputies in Italy's General Election this week after a campaign which included impromptu stripteases. The singer, Signor Domenico Modugno, also elected on a Radical Party ticket, said her election was an insult.

## America will not budge on Bonn's Pershings

From Frederick Bonhart, Brussels  
The United States will maintain its position on the exclusion of the 72 West German Pershing 1A missiles from the intermediate nuclear force (INF) negotiations in Geneva.

At the same time US negotiators will press strongly for a complete elimination of all Soviet and American long-range INF weapons.

Mr Paul Nitze, President Reagan's special arms control adviser, declared yesterday that the arrangement whereby the US controlled the nuclear warheads for the German-owned Pershing 1A launchers was "a pattern of allied co-operation — and we don't propose to change that".

In an interview with *The Times* on Tuesday, Mr Viktor

Karpov, the chief Soviet arms control expert, had declared that the 72 warheads would have to be considered as part of an INF deal.

Mr Nitze pointed out the strong allied support at last week's meeting of Nato foreign ministers in Reykjavik for a complete "double zero" solution for both long-range and short-range INF (all weapons in the 300-3,000 mile category). President Reagan had instructed the US negotiators at Geneva to press for such a solution, although he had agreed to the Soviet request at last year's summit meeting that 100 long-range INF warheads could be kept in Soviet Asia and 100 in the United States.

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## Russia comes clean on extent of Chernobyl panic

From Christopher Walker, Moscow

The Soviet Union has begun to admit for the first time at least some of the extent of the mass panic which was caused among tens of thousands of citizens in the wake of the world's worst nuclear accident, at Chernobyl in Ukraine 14 months ago.

The admission came in the latest edition of the weekly *Argumenty i Fakty*, not on sale to the general public, in which a leading radiation expert acknowledges that Soviet women sought abortions and that rickets, the vitamin-deficiency disease, spread because parents refused to feed their children milk which they feared was contaminated.

Until the publication of the article by Professor V. Knizhnikov, a member of the Soviet Health Ministry's national commission on radiological defence, the standard official reaction to Western reports of mass panic in the countryside had been to dismiss them as biased Western propaganda — especially those concerning the rush for abortions.

According to the professor, a new form of "radiation phobia" has developed since the explosion, which took

place on April 26 last year and resulted in the evacuation of 135,000 civilians, most of whom are unlikely to return to their homes. His article was immediately seized upon by Western experts who have been trying to piece together the real picture of the Chernobyl aftermath.

He described the mass phobia as "a fear which is first and foremost the

## Women had abortions late in pregnancy

result of lack of objective information and poor training of doctors in radiation medicine."

The professor then added in a crucial section of his article: "But this has meant that, in some places, women had dangerous abortions late on in their pregnancy. Parents were afraid of giving their children milk, believing that it was contaminated, as a result of which cases of rickets among children have been registered." Rickets, primarily caused by lack of vitamin D, causes softening of the bones.

The first intimation of the upsurge in demand for abortions among women, who feared their children would be born deformed, came from

an Arab doctor who went to Kiev, 90 miles from the stricken plant, to treat an Egyptian student who was pregnant.

A Palestinian gynaecologist operating in clinics in the Ukrainian capital later confirmed to Western newsmen that large numbers of women had requested abortions in the weeks after the disaster.

The professor blamed a covering-up of official information as one of the main causes of the panic. "Silence and the absence of an objective and precise scientific evaluation in our press is not only contrary to the course of glasnost, but is very harmful," he stated.

"Our mass media have reported on cancer and other illnesses caused by radiation exposure among Japanese, Americans, Spaniards etc. but has refrained from reporting about the risk of these illnesses occurring among people living in contaminated areas in our own country."

He argued that Dr Robert Gale, the respected US bone-marrow transplant specialist who treated many of the worst-affected Chernobyl victims, had been incorrect when he told Soviet television viewers recently that over the next few decades between 5,000

and 75,000 Russians would die from cancer resulting from the disaster.

Although Dr Gale's figures are widely accepted by Western experts, Professor Knizhnikov claimed that safety measures, particularly the screening of food against excessive radiation, meant that doses of radioactivity received by Soviet citizens were "up to 20 times lower" than those envisaged by Dr Gale.

"Our calculations show that the risk is insignificant and that virtually no category of the population is really at risk," he claimed in a demonstration of a Soviet attitude which some Western observers have described as complacent.

The article attempted to undermine the conviction among tens of thou-

## Fear of contaminated milk spread rickets

sands of people in the Ukraine region that alcohol remains the best prevention and cure for radiation sickness.

As Western newsmen discovered when allowed on the first trip to Chernobyl earlier this month, many of the evacuees remain convinced that they should be taking a potent mixture of vodka mixed with the local wine.

## Five shots in a subway that will echo for years

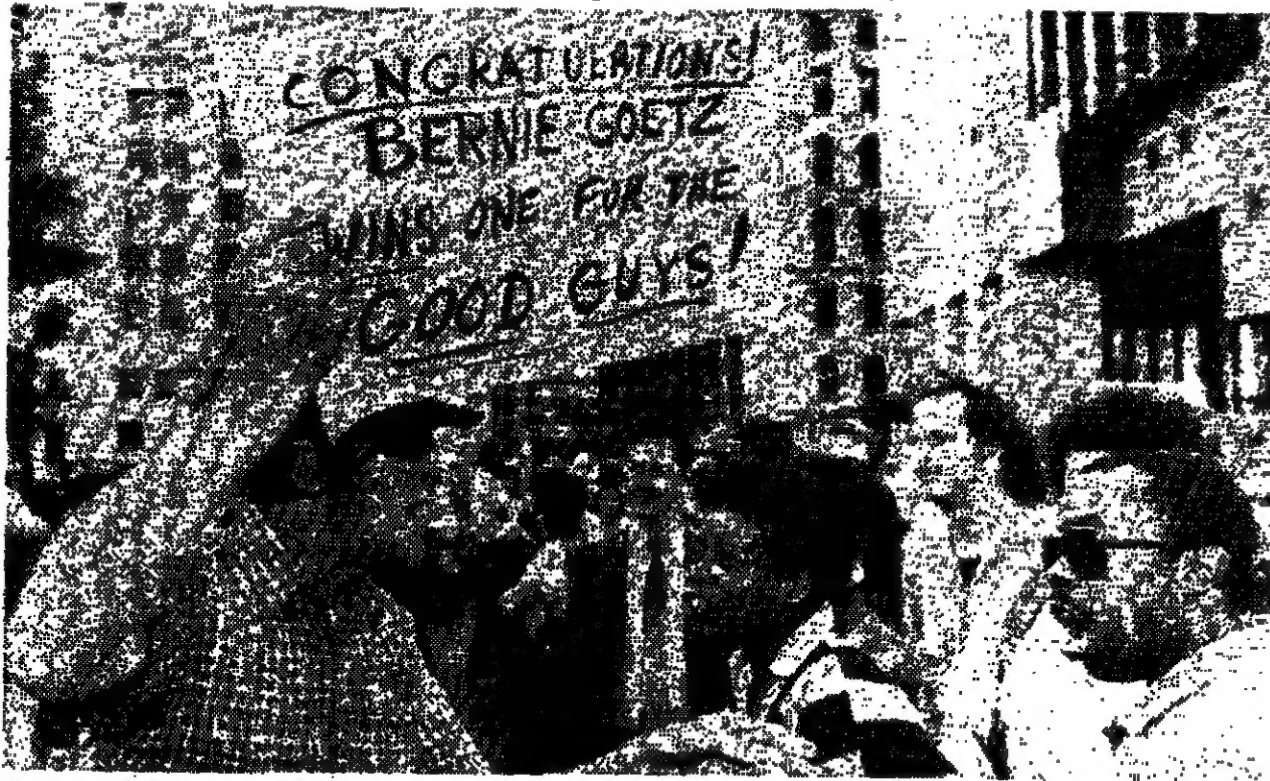
From Charles Bremner, New York

For the city tabloids, it was a "triumph of common sense", but for black leaders it was a "return to the Dark Ages". Tuesday's acquittal of Mr Bernhard Goetz, the mild-mannered subway gunman, of all but a minor charge for shooting four apparent muggers has exercised the emotions of the entire city and much of the United States.

As the 39-year-old electrical engineer fled from publicity and New York commuters poured out their feelings to television news stars on subway platforms, it became clear that Mr Goetz's five pistol shots will be heard round the country for years to come.

Mr Goetz, a shy, bespectacled, white man, cut down the four unarmed black youths after one of them asked him for \$5 on an underground train in 1984. In a taped confession to police played during the seven-week trial, he said: "The way I responded was viciously and savagely, just like a rat."

For the jury and what seems to be a majority of the city's four million daily commuters, Mr Goetz was a victim rather than a hard-eyed avenger and his action expressed pent-up public anger over street crime and the sense of urban menace that stalks New York more than most cities. In reality, violent crime has levelled off in recent years and New Yorkers



Temper flaring in New York yesterday as sides were taken over acquittal of the subway vigilante, Mr Bernhard Goetz.

are less likely to be mugged or murdered than the citizens of nine other US cities.

"Mr Goetz's angry answer evoked a primal response from millions," *The New York Times* said in an editorial yesterday. The newspaper voiced the views of "liberals" who are uneasy with the apparent endorsement of a citizen's right to administer justice with his trigger finger.

It blamed the fact that "the criminal justice system no longer controls crime". For example, only one in 50 perpetrators of serious crime in New York ever goes to jail.

Voicing the views of the unabashed Goetz supporters, the mass-circulation *New York Post* called the verdict "a ringing affirmation of the values by which a free society lives".

Legal experts said the Goetz case would set no technical precedent, but it gave a strong psychological boost to the law-and-order brigade.

Black community leaders denounced it as racist, many asking rhetorically what the public response would be to a black victim shooting a white mugger.

"This verdict is outrageous," said Ms Hazel Dukes,

the New York director for the NAACP, the main civil liberties organization.

Mr Edward Koch, the Mayor of New York, who supported the Goetz prosecution, warned would-be vigilantes that the verdict changed nothing and police would arrest any budding subway gunslungers.

The president of the borough of Manhattan, Mr David

Dinkins, called the verdict a blow to justice which "produces the very frightening prospect of a city half-filled with very nervous New Yorkers carrying guns and using them at the slightest provocation and the other half living in fear of being the next victim".

A black member of Brooklyn council, Mrs Mary Pinkett, blasted the verdict as "a return to the Dark Ages", which turned Mr Goetz into "an American hero like Al Capone".

One man who has won fresh glory from the seven-week trial is Mr Barry Slotnick, New York's celebrated "superlawyer", who added the successful defence of Mr Goetz to a near-perfect track record that has included the acquittal of Mafia overlords.

"I'm the best defence lawyer in the business," the bearded, 47-year-old Mr Slotnick said yesterday. Explaining the case, he said: "The Bernhard Goetz syndrome is no syndrome. It is not contagious. Mr Goetz did what the law allows... What it does is warn predators that things are going to be a little bit more difficult for them."

Mr Goetz faces a term from probation to seven years for his conviction for possessing his .38 automatic. Commentators predicted that he would receive only a light penalty from Judge Stephen Crane when he appears for sentencing in September.

## Gorbachov tightens grip on military with more sackings

From Christopher Walker, Moscow

Further strong evidence emerged yesterday that the Kremlin is capitalizing on the severe embarrassment caused by the landing of a private plane in Red Square on May 28 to tighten its political control over the huge and ultra-conservative Soviet defence establishment.

The official armed services paper *Krasnaya Zvezda* (Red Star) carried an account of a recent meeting in which Mr Boris Yeltsin, the Moscow Communist Party chief and Politburo member, delivered scathing public criticism of the failure of the military to prevent the landing of the West German teenager, Herr Matthias Rust.

The article also disclosed that Marshal Anatoly Konstantinov, the former commander of the Moscow air defence district, had been removed from his post and four other senior officers expelled from the Communist Party — the normal preliminary to dismissal from their posts.

Western diplomatic sources said that the wording of the article indicated that the sackings had taken place before the landing of Herr Rust's Cessna Skyhawk in Red Square, although the criticism made clear that the incident was being used to strengthen political dominance over the military.

Mr Yeltsin, a close political ally of Mr Mikhail Gorb-

achov, told the meeting: "People in our labour collectives say: 'We would like the officers of the Soviet Army to look us in the eye and to explain how this could happen...'"

In one of the most outspoken criticisms yet made of the military by a politician, he accused commanders in the Moscow district of ignoring the Gorbachov reform programme.

He said training had suf-

ficed due to officers' inefficiency and bullying, leading to a lack of discipline and demoralization among the troops.

Addicted to old-style dictatorial leadership, the officers were told by Mr Yeltsin that they had lost touch with their men. The mistakes of years, he said, had led to a collapse of discipline and preparedness, to nepotism and protectionism.

In the wake of the plane affair Mr Gorbachov has ordered the dismissal of the veteran Defence Minister, Marshal Sergei Sokolov, and the dismissal of the overall commander of Soviet air de-

fences, Chief Marshal Aleksandr Koldunov. Further dismissals are confidently expected under the new Defence Minister, General Dmitry Yazov.

Yesterday's report suggested that the Moscow air defence Chief of Staff, Colonel-General Y. Gorkov, the local air force and radar commanders, as well as the military district's chief political officer, could also face sanctions as a result of the events of May 28.

The commanders already dismissed from the party were identified as Air Force Lieutenant-General N. Markov and Major-General V. Reznichenko, Army Major-General V. Brazhnikov and Colonel V. Yakubenko.

Meanwhile, the interrogation of Herr Rust was continuing at a military jail in a Moscow suburb. His parents visited him for a second time yesterday before flying back to West Germany.

WASHINGTON: An American pilot took off for Moscow yesterday to commemorate a 1937 Soviet flight to the United States (Reuters reports).

"I want this flight to be one of my minor contributions to détente," Mr Millard Harmon, aged 63, said of his attempt to add to the 134 flight speed records he holds.

He expects a red-carpet reception when he arrives at Moscow's Sheremetyevo airport today.

## Congress outflanked by defiant North

From Michael Binyon, Washington

Lieutenant-Colonel Oliver North, the former National Security Council aide at the centre of the Iran-Contra scandal, yesterday announced his refusal to give preliminary private testimony to the congressional investigating committees, effectively challenging them to sue him for contempt.

The outraged chairman and vice-chairman of the Senate committee yesterday said such a move could hold the proceedings up for at least a year, and may make it impossible to question Colonel North at all. They will therefore reluctantly propose that the committees allow him to appear on the witness stand without having any idea beforehand what he will say.

Senator Daniel Inouye, chairman of the Senate special investigating committee, said Colonel North's lawyer had raised "due process" objections to a private session with the investigating panels, saying Colonel North would tell his story only in public. All the main witnesses so far have been carefully debriefed by committee lawyers, so that the lines of questioning and their evidence can be established.

Under the promise of partial immunity, which has just been granted, Colonel North is compelled to give evidence, and is due to do so some time next month.

Senator Warren Rudman speculated that his refusal to testify first in private was a deliberate attempt to goad Congress into suing him for contempt. The legal proceedings, together with appeals, could take so long that the special prosecutor, who is building a criminal case against Colonel North, would have to scrap the agreement with Congress to allow them to question Colonel North first.

The two senators denied that unrehearsed public testimony would make their job more difficult, saying Congress had many skilled lawyers. But it would take longer.

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## Separatism in Corsica Anti-terrorist shot after TV debate

From Diana Geddes, Paris

The French Government vowed yesterday to step up its action against the Corsican separatists after the assassination of Dr Jean-Paul Lafay, aged 49, a leading opponent of independence and president of the Association of Aid for Victims of Terrorism in Corsica.

Dr Lafay, a veterinary surgeon and father of two children, was shot soon after midnight yesterday as he was leaving a television studio in Ajaccio, on the island's west coast, where he had taken part in a debate on separatist violence. Dr Max Simeoni, leader of the Union du Peuple

public. The police are treating both claims with reserve. In a message of condolence to Dr Lafay's family, President Mitterrand condemned the attack and said he hoped that "all legal means will be taken to discover and strike down those responsible".

M Pasqua, who had ended a three-day official visit to the island only a few hours before the murder, promised that "this abominable and cowardly crime" would only increase the Government's determination not to give in to the separatists who, he claimed, had the support of only a tiny minority of the island's 235,000 population.

The previous evening violent scuffles had broken out between about 50 separatist demonstrators and police during M Pasqua's farewell speech to the islanders in front of Ajaccio town hall. One policeman and several demonstrators were injured and 12 people were arrested.

There have been more than 200 separatist attacks on the island since the beginning of the year. Most have been aimed at police stations and the holiday homes, cars and flats of non-Corsicans, but were designed to cause material damage rather than injury or kill. Teachers from the mainland have been a favourite target.

The FLNC has recently sought to step up its attacks following the arrest of 13 nationalist militants on May 21. Two days later the Government outlawed "A Riscossa", an organization founded in 1978 to "bring material and psychological help to imprisoned nationalists and their families".

● Gangster's brother: M Daniel Reynaud, aged 42, brother of the well-known Lyons gangster Guy Reynaud, has been arrested and charged with complicity in bomb attacks and with armed robbery in connection with continuing police investigations into the activities of the extreme-left terrorist group, Action Directe.

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US Gulf fleet ready to shoot first at any hint of 'hostile intent'

From Michael Binyon, Washington

US forces in the Gulf are now operating under "hair-trigger" rules of engagement, with crews often manning battle stations and prepared to shoot before they come under fire, says the Pentagon.

A declassified version of a report sent to Congress made it clear that Navy commanders were free to attack missile sites, aircraft and boats which use target-seeking radar or otherwise threaten American ships and planes.

"US ships or aircraft are authorized to defend themselves against an air or surface threat whenever hostile intent or a hostile act occurs," the report said. Any aircraft or surface ship that manoeuvres into a position where it could fire a missile, drop a bomb, or use gunfire on a ship is demonstrating hostile intent."

The report said that even the act of focusing a radar on an American ship in a manner suggesting that a weapon was being pointed would be viewed as a sign of hostile intent.

The new rules of engagement for the eight ships in the Gulf came into effect shortly

after the Iraqi missile attack on the USS Stark last month. Whenever an American warship goes through the Strait of Hormuz or when a ship is approached in a manner suggesting possible attack, its crew must go to "general quarters".

The rules provide specific guidance to commanders on how to deal with possible attack by Chinese-built Silkorm missiles. But the version made public uses careful language, which leaves unclear exactly when a commander would be authorized to strike at a Silkorm base.

Meanwhile, the Senate foreign relations committee is voting today on a move to block President Reagan's plan to protect Kuwaiti shipping, as three more ships prepare to join the US Gulf fleet.

The Bill would prevent the refuelling of the Kuwaiti tankers and urge President Reagan to seek the creation of a United Nations peacekeeping force to protect non-belligerent shipping.

As well as the three ships that are to join the Gulf fleet by July 1, the Pentagon has

announced that a battleship may join the destroyers, frigates and cruiser in the area. The most likely ship would be the USS Missouri. Her huge 16-inch guns have the range to strike Iranian missile batteries on the shoreline without endangering the lives of any pilots. She also has such thick armour-plating that she would not suffer serious damage from missiles or mines.

● ANKARA: Mr Mir Hussein Moussavi, the Iranian Prime Minister, yesterday left Turkey after a three-day visit which produced controversies on protocol instead of the hoped-for signs of a softening attitude to the Gulf war (Rasul Gurdilek writes).

Mr Moussavi refused to include in his programme the traditional visit to the mausoleum of Kemal Ataturk, the founder of the Turkish republic. Mr Moussavi said Tehran would welcome Turkey's mediation for an end to attacks on shipping in the Gulf, but doubted that Iraq would stop attacking commercial vessels. Mr Moussavi has cancelled plans to go on to Damascus, because the Syrian Prime Minister is ill.





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INSIDE THE ARMS TRADE  
PART 2

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The telephone rings and Mertins speaks into it. He is looking at the camera. He is holding a cigarette in his right hand.

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Arms dealers have few illusions about the behaviour of Middle Eastern nations towards each other. You take the Saudis, one Austrian dealer said. "They don't want to be seen to be buying weapons. But they are buying the Egyptians to handle the trade, with Egyptian equipment, which came from the Soviet Union."

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"We sat down in a room to speak to General Khoury, commander of the Lebanese army under President Elias Sarkis. When the leaders were being opened, we found three other men there, a West German, a Lebanese, and a British. They were all arms dealers. They were all arms dealers. They were all arms dealers."

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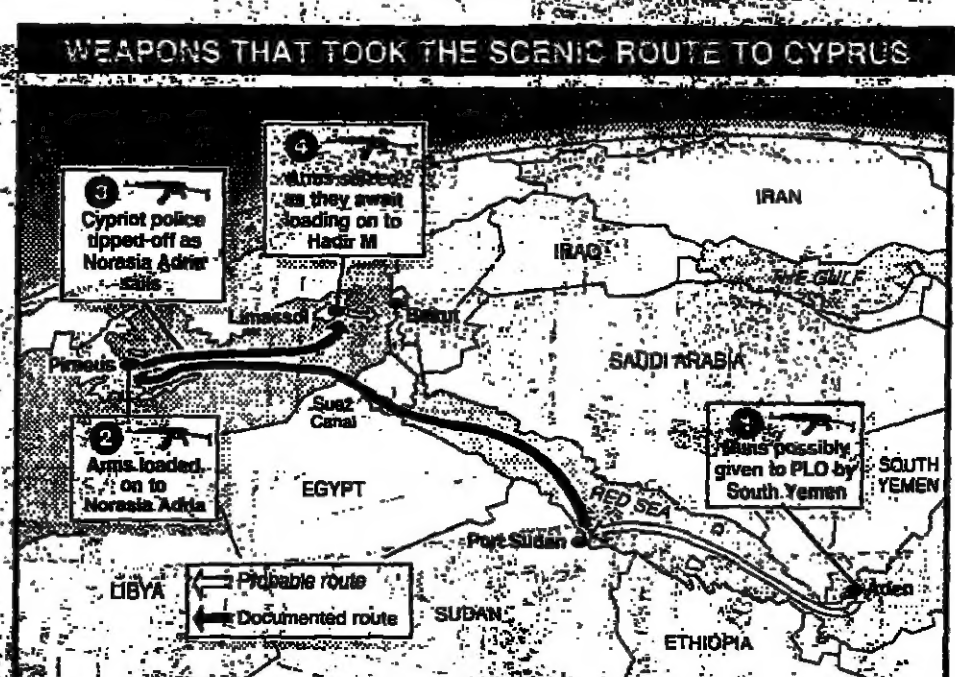
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## Even more to the red

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## Life support

The London Borough of Lambeth is advertising for a gravedigger who must be able to descend to depths of ten to 12 feet, climb ladders and operate heavy machinery. In line with the Labour-controlled council's policy, it is particularly anxious to attract candidates with disabilities. Can it be serious?

## Tables turned

The jail into which the Soviet authorities threw their foreign trade minister this week will not, I suspect, keep him in the style to which he has become accustomed. Members of the Women's Campaign for Soviet Jewry who trailed Vladimir Sukhkov on a trip to London in 1985 spotted him tucking into a plate of *homard à l'escargot* at the £46-a-head Le Gavroche restaurant. Manager Silvano Giraldo tells me Sukhkov is not the only Soviet official to enjoy his fare but he can offer no clues as to where the £127,000 used to grease Sukhkov's palm went. "I have yet to see a Russian put a hand in his pocket when it comes to paying the bill."

BARRY FANTONI



"How long before someone's charged with insider dealing?"

## Ward's art

Drawings by Stephen Ward of the Royal Family, bought anonymously days before his suicide during the Profumo scandal, have been found after 24 years. The portraits of Prince Philip, Princess Margaret, the Duchess of Gloucester and Duke of Kent are to be auctioned on behalf of *The Illustrated London News* at Bonham's early next month. Originally exhibited at a Bloomsbury gallery as Ward's trial began in 1963, they were bought by a smartly dressed man with a bank draft for £5,000. Philip Knightley and Caroline Kennedy, the authors of *An Affair of State*, will tell the story of the discovery in next month's *ILN*. No one is yet ready to say who the buyer was, but recent theories have centred on Anthony Blunt and Roy Thomson, the *ILN*'s then owner. The *ILN* yesterday would not say how it came to own the works. Pelham Pound, who helped to organize the Bloomsbury exhibition, said yesterday he had understood the buyer to have been the gallery he was "from Buckingham Palace". But could that have been the buyer's own carefully planted red herring?

Inspired by last year's David Puttnam film, a Vatican priest has produced a comic strip called *Mission* recounting his 17th century predecessors' daring do — and in Rome it's a best-seller. Holy caped crusader, Batman.

## Counterpoint

Not everyone who would have noticed but New York painter Martin Wiener assures me that two paintings in the Tate's Rothko exhibition, which opened yesterday, have been hung upside down. Exhibition organizer Michael Compton concedes he may be right. Nor would it be the first time there has been controversy over the master's work, he says. In the case of these two pictures one is signed at both ends and the other can either be interpreted as dragonfly nymphs hanging from the water's surface or trees on the horizon. Apparently.

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# Tory lessons for Reagan

by Norman Podhoretz

New York Just as Margaret Thatcher wins her third consecutive term, so Ronald Reagan's presidency is flourishing. The reason, paradoxically, may lie in the electoral arithmetic which at first glance seems to suggest that Reagan has been more successful than Thatcher, not less.

In winning their second terms, Reagan in 1984 got 59 per cent of the vote compared with only 42.4 per cent for Thatcher in 1983. Even allowing for the fact that Thatcher was in a three-party race, whereas Reagan had only one opponent, his victory in American terms (49 out of 50 states) was still relatively more impressive than her majority of 144 seats. He scored a landslide: she did not. And there's the paradoxical rub. In 1983 (as again in 1987) Thatcher's strategy was to polarize. She emphasized the vast differences between her ideas and those of her opponents. She took strong positions and sought support for them. Nor did she soften those positions in an effort to seduce voters who might be repelled by what she had to say. In writing off such voters, she made herself even less personally appealing than she already was, and she won by a smaller margin than a milder approach might have given her. But she also won a clear mandate for her conservative policies.

Some American conservatives think that this is precisely what

Reagan accomplished in 1984. Here, for example, is how a recent report of the Heritage Foundation describes that campaign: "In 1984 Ronald Reagan ran for re-election against liberal forces that accused him of having had no summit meetings with Soviet leaders, or signing no arms-control agreements and of using inflammatory rhetoric toward Moscow... Reagan debated those issues with Mondale and went on to win a mandate from the American people to be tough with Moscow, to confront the expanding Soviet empire, and to stand firm for American interests around the globe."

Yet the truth is that no real debate on these issues ever took place in 1984. Confronted with the liberal charges against him, Reagan neither stood his ground nor counter-attacked forcefully in the fashion of Margaret Thatcher. Instead he adopted the tactic of hinting or explicitly promising that in his second term he would do all the things that Mondale had accused him of not having done in his first.

This tactic was designed to broaden Reagan's personal base of support, and to that end it worked brilliantly. But it also weakened and finally undermined the ideas and policies with which he had previously been identified.

In other words, unlike Mrs Thatcher, who wanted a mandate,

and got one, Reagan wanted a landslide, and that is what he got. Perhaps he thought there was no contradiction between the two objectives. Perhaps he told himself that a landslide for Reagan was tantamount to a mandate for Reaganism. If so, he was wrong. For if Reagan had actually conducted the campaign that the Heritage Foundation imagines he did conduct in 1984, he would certainly still have been re-elected, but just as certainly he would have scared enough voters away to narrow his margin of victory. On the other hand, he would have entered his second term with an unambiguous endorsement from a majority of the American people for an unambiguous policy that he could then have devoted all his energies to pursuing.

As the Heritage Foundation report itself sorrowfully acknowledges, that is not what Reagan went on to do in his second term. What the report fails to recognize, however, is that his retreat from Reaganism began during the campaign, not after it was over. Nor does the report recognize that Reagan's principles, such as they may be, are not new, if they ever were, a match for his evidently insatiable greed for popularity.

It is that lust for popularity which explains why Reagan decided in 1984 on a soothing and reassuring strategy rather than a

sharply defined campaign. And it is the same hunger for approval that has guided him throughout his second term.

Thus in 1984 he said, or strongly suggested, that he meant to move not only toward new arms-control deals with the Soviet Union but toward a whole new relationship. In keeping that particular campaign promise he was again rewarded with high approval ratings.

Then came the Iran-Contra scandal, and his ratings plunged. Yet even in deciding to sell arms to Iran, which did more damage to his reputation than any other element of the affair, he seems to have thought that the credit he would get if the American hostages were thereby freed would far outweigh the blame he might incur for violating his own declared policies on terrorism and on Iran. On this point Reagan made the worst miscalculation of his political career.

Now all he seems to care about is climbing back up in the polls — both those being taken now and those that he reportedly envisages being taken by posterity. The result is a second term less and less devoted to anything other than boosting his ratings and a presidency that stands in ever sharper contrast to the principled leadership that Mrs Thatcher, for all her personal unpopularity, has been able so effectively to wield.

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Ronald Butt

# Thatcher gets the message

One of Mrs Thatcher's idiosyncrasies is to give the appearance of resisting the point and then showing that she has taken it. This characteristic was particularly evident during the election. Before and during the campaign, health, unemployment and the state of the inner cities were clearly the Conservatives' vulnerable points. But Mrs Thatcher was so determined to defend the government's spending record (which was nothing to be ashamed of) that she could not bring herself to concede that, despite this, there really are major things wrong.

Yet immediately after the election, one of her two principal cabinet changes was to bring in Mr John Moore as Secretary of State at the DHSS to look with a fresh mind at how the health service works. He should start from the proposition that the total amount of government money is not the principal question, since there could never be enough of it to cover potential demands. The heart of the matter is the structure, managing and financing of the service, including the relationship between the hospitals and general practice. The government should even consider whether some kind of realistic insurance element could not be grafted on to aspects of the NHS, with the government paying the contributions of those who cannot pay for themselves.

One thing is certain. The problems of tired and overworked doctors and closed wards are not going to be ended simply by more money or by increasing the small number of patients on wholly private health insurance schemes. The overwhelming majority of citizens will remain dependent on the NHS, and would pay for a decent service if they knew their money was going directly to it. Tories will be wise not to talk of the NHS as being important for those without the resources to provide for themselves, as though this applied to "the poor". The NHS is built into the lives of the people, and for more minor conditions, as Mrs Thatcher conceded in respect of herself.

Mrs Thatcher has shown the same grasp of reality over unemployment and the inner cities. During the election her concentration on defending what the government had done was so intense as to give the impression that all this talk about the north and south was beside the point. "Don't talk the north down," she admonished a northern constituency studio audience who raised the matter during the election. (What she plainly meant was: don't talk down what the north has achieved.) But no sooner was her victory assured on election night than she identified the inner cities as her priority, and then moved Lord Young and Kenneth Clarke to Trade and Industry to concentrate on them.

Mrs Thatcher's extraordinary combination of pugilistic defence of her aims and record with a remarkable flexibility and adaptability is a key to the future. She does not put things delicately.

Richard Heller

# How to run a promotion

There are only two ways to win promotion. One is to survive your boss. That is now very rare. Today's typical boss is a non-smoking, weight-lifting, Perrier-drinking, vitamin-crunching, polysaturating, mega-crashing bore. You have no hope of surviving him/her unless there is a world lentil blight.

The only other way is to survive a promotion interview. That's where so many people go wrong. They become nervous, flustered. They knock over water jugs. Try not to do this. When you go to your promotion interview, take total control over the thing.

It stands to reason that you are superior to the interviewing panel. Do you suppose that the firm could spare three competent and valuable people for such an activity? Of course not. But remember that being an interviewer may be a big experience for those little zeroes. Falter for one second and they will turn on you. So: as soon as you enter the room, let them know who's boss.

Of course, you will be faultlessly dressed... wrong. Wear any old clothes. Let them know that they do not rate your Sunday best. If you must wear a decent suit then eat a boiled egg over it.

Walk boldly into the interview room. Smile, but not with your eyes, for a microsecond. Wait for the panel to ask you to sit down. But don't do it.

Instead, walk over to a picture on the wall. It may be of the new factory at Solihull or it may be of the Queen by Angkor. Gaze at it intently. Back off and gaze again. Then make a minute adjustment to the angle of hanging. Now move to the chair, move it minutely, and sit down.

In any organization, anywhere in the world, any panel for a promotion interview will consist of a Hatched Fiend, a Greek Chorus and a False Friend.

The Hatched Fiend will try to ask hostile, destructive questions and to make you feel small.

The Greek Chorus will be silent, at times even asleep. Occasionally

she lacks the gift for the precise phrase, which may be why the articulate classes, who like things to be summed up neatly, have shied away from her.

During the campaign many Conservative MPs in marginal seats were alarmed by the number of Labour and Alliance posters in middle-class windows. Education, the health service and unemployment were on these people's minds. The great reservoir of Tory support is in the prospering working classes — Tory posters on council estates showed that — who understand quite well what Mrs Thatcher is getting at. But unemployment and health are on their minds too, and Mrs Thatcher has taken the point.

This combination of classless flexibility with a clear idea of the society which she wants to see will give Mrs Thatcher and a Tory Party without serious divisions the initiative in the next five years. The contrast with Labour is stark. Deeply though the voters felt about health and unemployment, they would not give power to Labour as it now is. Still less will they do so as Labour reveals its true nature in the new Commons.

Despite Labour's campaign of concealment, the electorate lived up to its general tradition of voting with historic inevitability. Voters understood the canker of dishonesty at the heart of the Labour rose. The complaint of the left that it was gagged during the election is justified. But Mr Livingstone and the new Parliamentary Labour Party will not stay gagged. On election night Mr Bernie Grant complained that his Labour vote had fallen because of racism, and Livingstone said his had fallen because he had directed campaigning efforts to more marginal constituencies. Neither would accept that the voters' verdict on them was determined by their known beliefs. The left will now foolishly claim that Labour lost because it was not left enough.

Such is Labour's new composition that Mr Kinnock, Mr Hattersley and Mr John Smith cannot rebuild it in the minority image they have tried to sell. During the election Mr Kinnock told *The Times* that he could lead a Labour Party not fully committed to scrapping Trident. That is clear evidence of a willingness to lead the party by expediency, not principle. It also dooms him to failure, for his activists will never accept the kind of Labour Party the voters would support.

There is no future for the Labour Party. Yet because it has union money, its machine will keep grinding on, keeping a bedrock of constituencies. But the more Mr Livingstone and his friends crack the whip the more it must be a question how long the new moderate union leaders, exemplified by Eric Hammond and Bill Jordan, will continue to throw money away on a party so many of their members detest. If we knew whether they would withdraw their support for a party far more divorced from their real convictions than Mrs Thatcher's party is, we should know whether the ideas for which David Owen stands have a future.

## Allan Massie on the challenge to Conservative rule in Scotland

# Facing up to Doomsday

While his cabinet colleagues stride with glad confident step towards their offices, ready to resume interrupted work or embark on new tasks, Malcolm Rifkind might be excused if he stuck his head under a pillow and wished the world would go away. He will not, of course, do so, for he is a tough, adroit and combative politician, as well as an intelligent one.

But he is going to need all these qualities: if he had troubles before the election, he has them in spades now. Doomsday has arrived. The Tory triumph has been tarnished by the failure in Scotland, where the party lost 88,000 votes and 11 of its 21 seats.

Mr Rifkind has reason to feel aggrieved. On May 18 Peter Runciman, the president of the Glasgow Chamber of Commerce, told his fellow directors that "Scotland has emerged from the difficulties which followed the oil price shocks, and the downward spiral concealed by the floating exchange rates in the 1970s, as the most prosperous part of the United Kingdom after the favoured south-east of England", and yet some 267,000 more Scots voted Labour last week than in 1983.

The immediate problem is one of an apparent loss of authority. Donald Dewar, Labour's shadow secretary, has proclaimed this, and Sir Russell Johnston, leader of the Scottish Liberal Party, has said: "The government must face up to the fact that it cannot simply go on as if nothing has happened."

Nor is Mr Rifkind helped by Alick Buchanan-Smith's disinclination to serve as his minister of state: Mr Buchanan-Smith, who is one of the most widely respected of Scottish MPs, may disagree more with his party's policies in Scotland than with their right to govern, but his return to the back benches still further weakens the government.

This is probably more important than the technical business of getting Scottish legislation through parliament. That can be eased by lightening the legislative burden (no bad thing) and by reducing the membership of the Scottish select committee from 30 to 9, and by drafting Scottish MPs representing English constituencies to the standing committee.

The response of both Labour and the Alliance to the Tory's predicament has been to press for "consultation". Co-operation, they have warned, will only be

forthcoming if the government is prepared to change its policy. In effect, they are claiming that the opposition parties should be granted a share in government. Quite clearly, the demand will not be conceded — though there may be some English Conservatives who would see it as a happy precedent for any future Labour government. After all, three of the last four Labour governments were imposed on England by Scottish and Welsh votes.

Both Labour and the Alliance seek action on devolution and the state of the economy, with particular reference to unemployment, while Labour also calls for more investment in housing and no privatization of electricity. Both demand that the community charge be abandoned.

This is certainly unpopular in prospect: its benefits have yet to be proved, and many fear they will suffer. The president of the Convention of Scottish Local Authorities, Ken Fagan, has said that the general election vote amounted to an overwhelming rejection of it.

Mr Rifkind does have the advantage that the community charge act is already on the statute book, although it is not due to be implemented until April 1989. He may, therefore, choose to sit this one out, aware that a similar tax will operate in England a year later, and that the opposition of the local authorities must wither

as the day approaches when they see no other means of obtaining that portion of their income which they collect themselves.

The extent of the demand for devolution is unknown. All the opposition parties support it (the SNP grudgingly), but we cannot really tell whether people voted for them on this account, or whether, as seems likely, they voted against Mrs Thatcher.

Evidence of opinion polls does not suggest more support for devolution now than in March 1979, when, in the referendum on the Scotland Act, there was a bare majority among those who voted, though insufficient to leap the 40 per cent hurdle inserted into the act by George Cunningham's amendment.

The situation is complicated further by the disabilities that still exist within parties on the subject — there are, after all, Tory devolutionists, of whom Mr Buchanan-Smith is the most important — and by the disagreement as to the form and extent of devolution which any prolonged discussion would reveal.

Devolution seems inconceivable while Mrs Thatcher is prime minister. Nevertheless, there is no need for Mr Rifkind to reject it out of hand. Indeed, he is offered an opportunity to divert, divide and weaken the opposition. Labour looks likely to hand him one on a plate, if it introduces its draft home rule bill. This will contain

no provision for proportional representation, and will therefore be opposed by the Alliance and the SNP, neither of which wishes an assembly dominated by Labour.

Mr Rifkind can play the Machiavellian statesman. He can say that while he is unconvinced of the desirability of devolution, he is naturally willing to consider any proposals for the better government of Scotland; and, while expressing interest, and inviting wider comments on each set of proposals, he can take the opportunity to expose their weaknesses.

He is, after all, the man in possession and does not need to embark on initiatives. So much of the art of politics rests in the capacity to wait and refrain from action. That is precisely what his situation demands. Mr Rifkind is playing a weak hand, but he is still in charge.

Yet the future of the Conservative Party in Scotland probably depends less on him than on the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Lawson, Lord Young, and the performance of the British economy. There have been great changes in Scotland in the past decade, and few have yet worked through into the general consciousness.

The Scottish Tories must hope that Mrs Thatcher's confidence that her policies offer the best way to attaining prosperity will be shared by more of their compatriots before the next election.

## Now glasnost stirs the Kremlin dead

Successive Soviet leaders have sought to establish themselves in power by discrediting their predecessors, both before the Soviet people and before history. So far, Mikhail Gorbachev has been no exception. He has allowed all his predecessors, except the immortalized Vladimir Ilyich Lenin and Yuri Andropov (believed to have been a patron of his), to remain in the limbo occupied by non-persons.

He has even added to their number. The names of Leonid Brezhnev, whose demise began through Gorbachev's KGB rout-murder even before his death, and Gorbachev's own immediate predecessor, Konstantin Chernenko, that infirm proponent of ideological orthodoxy, are rarely heard in the Soviet Union today. Their two decades at the helm of the Soviet state have been dismissed as a period of economic and political stagnation; just another set of errors that have thwarted the otherwise inexorable progress of Soviet society.

Gorbachev has intimidated, however, that this highly selective approach to the past might change. In several speeches over the past year he has said unambiguously that Soviet history must contain no blank pages. His call has been taken up — tentatively and usually behind closed doors — by some Soviet academ-

ics. Names and subjects unmentioned for decades have been heard again, if only in whispers.

Art and literature have taken the lead. Writers like Boris Pasternak and Marina Tsvetayeva, whose outlook was deemed too pessimistic for a society looking constantly towards the bright future of socialism, are now being published. Romantic and philosophical writers of the "Silver Age" whose work similarly failed to fit Soviet requirements are being quoted. Films made over the past 20 years but never shown are now being reconsidered. Some, like *Repentance*, about the less heroic aspects of Stalinism — the pervasive fear and intimidation — are receiving wide acclaim.

History, however, the plain academic study of the past, remains a highly sensitive area. Not only has historical truth been the chief victim of Soviet power, but every Soviet leader before now has relied for his authority on some part of the truth being suppressed.

The result is a mythology in which Stalin succeeded Lenin as his acclaimed heir: the collectivization of agriculture proceeded untroubled; the war was won by the heroic Soviet people under their great leader, Stalin; and Khrushchev saw out his allotted time span, and living standards constantly rose.

It is a history which knows no Trotsky, Zinoviev or Bukharin, no Ukrainian famine, no show trials, no Molotov-Ribbentrop pact, no Tatar and German deportations, no secret speech and no gulag archipelago.

To dismantle this edifice and rebuild it with all the missing pieces constitutes a political risk for any Soviet leader. It is, none the less, a task which Gorbachev seems prepared to tackle to win back the intelligentsia.

For decades now, the discrepancy between experience and propaganda, between what was seen and what was heard, convinced many of the Soviet Union's best minds that there was no role for them outside their narrow area of specialization — and the further that was from day-to-day politics, the better. The freeing of Dr Sakharov last December was the first sign to people like this that the leadership might want to hear their opinions; that the embargo on unpalatable truth might be coming to an end.

The co-operation of the academic establishment in filling in the blank spaces of history cannot, however, be guaranteed. Many historians made their names by helping to maintain the mythology. Some progressed by denouncing colleagues who were more scrupulous about the truth than they were. Others were chance

beneficiaries of contradictory swings in ideological orthodoxy.

Nevertheless, there has recently been evidence of progress. *Zvezda* announced that some of the restrictions on the USSR state archives were to be lifted. Bukharin, tried and executed in 1938 for opposing Stalin, has been mentioned in public and depicted not unsympathetically in a play. The subject of Trotsky has been aired, albeit fleetingly. A leading Soviet archivist has asked in the press how long Khrushchev can remain unmentionable. And a Soviet academic, Nikolai Shmyrev — ex-husband of Khrushchev's grand-daughter — has given the hitherto undisclosed statistic (at a closed seminar) that 17 million people passed through Stalin's labour camps.

Two events later this year will show whether these developments herald a real change in official Soviet attitudes to the past or isolated probing in areas of ideological uncertainty. The first is the planned publication of a new history of the Soviet Communist Party; the second, on November 7, the 70th anniversary of the Bolshevik Revolution. Each offers an opportunity for Gorbachev to fill in those blank pages he professes to abhor. They will be eagerly awaited.

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## TWO TYPES OF DAVID

Not for the first time, Mr David Steel has proved not as nice as he looks. When one is looking at the manoeuvres of politicians after a bad election result, that could be considered a compliment. Whether the ruthlessness with which he has acted in the last few days is the long-term interests of anyone other than Mr Steel and his supporters is another matter.

When he appeared on television on the morning after the election, the Liberal leader implied that would not stay in the job. The most ostentatious of his few possible successors, Mr Paddy Ashdown, assumed a new significance.

By Sunday evening's television news bulletins, Mr Steel was allowing himself to be filmed through the window of an outhouse at Eitrick Bridge, his Lowlands country home, looking resolute, and penning his proclamation calling on the Liberals and the Social Democrats to merge.

Mr Steel not only intended to stay as Liberal leader; he hoped later to lead the new fusion. Literally with a stroke of the pen, Mr Steel had ditched the anti-fusionist Dr Owen, and the rival Mr Ashdown. The Liberals rose in support of Mr Steel, or at least of having a new party dominated by themselves.

More ominously for Dr Owen, the other famous Social Democrats went over to the fusionist cause. It was clear that Mrs Shirley Williams was for it. So very much so, was Mr Roy Jenkins. But they have long been Liberal fellow-travellers. Mr William Rodgers has not. But at the weekend even he accepted the fusionist embrace. On the substance of the issue, Dr Owen was silent and has stayed that way ever since.

Mr Steel's ruthlessness should not have surprised anyone who remembered the confrontation of Eitrick Bridge in the middle of the 1983 election. That was when he seized control of the Alliance campaign by demoralising Mr Roy Jenkins. Mr Steel and Dr Owen are examples of two types of personality to be found in all political parties, and in many other places: the one adroit, cunning, realistic; the other brave, upright, committed to grand causes — even if, in Dr Owen's case, a bit pompous and domineering. Political parties need both.

The trouble is that one knows what is going

to happen to Mr Steel. Even if he fails to lead the fused party, he will survive. Of the two personalities, his type generally do. But what will become of Dr Owen? He is the greater man. The only figure with comparable character at the top of British politics is Mrs Thatcher. As Dr Owen's conduct in the Falklands War showed, he is that rare being: the politician who can oppose without seeming to have a vested interest in disaster.

He is said to admire Lloyd George. He should therefore ponder the opening of Beaverbrook's book on that statesman's decline and fall: "On the first day of January 1921, few people stopped to think on the amazing and unprecedented position of Lloyd George. Certainly his own colleagues... showed no sign of consciousness of the extraordinary political situation. Lloyd George was a Prime Minister without a party".

It is textbook on what happens to a leader when he falls foul of enough people in an alliance. Lloyd George went into the wilderness and never returned. Party is the essence of British politics. Dr Owen should accept that this new party is now inevitable and should fight Mr Steel for its leadership.

The next big demonstration of Mr Steel's special gifts may be his attempt to reach an electoral pact with Labour for 1991 or 1992. Without Dr Owen, that could be a cynical affair involving the Liberals accepting unilateralism and a Kinnock premiership in exchange for Labour accepting proportional representation.

Such a grouping would be unlikely to beat the Tories. But a pact between Liberal Democrats, led by Dr Owen, and a Labour Party led by, say, Mr John Smith might do so. And only the prospect of such a victory could make the moderate unions engineer the downfall of Mr Kinnock in the Labour electoral college.

All this is a long way off. But the creation of a decent opposition is a respectable aim for all who care for democracy. The votes for an Owen win against Mr Steel might just be there. The franchise would consist of all members of both parties. Mr Steel may be more popular with the Liberal activists than with less zealous members. Dr Owen should put it to the test.

## HARD ROAD TO ZERO

For arms control diplomats the road to Geneva has become rough-going. In an interview with *The Times* this week, Mr Viktor Karpov, the veteran Soviet negotiator, ruled out the possibility that West Germany would be allowed to retain its 72 Pershing-1A nuclear missiles under the terms of a Soviet-American arms treaty. It is not the first time that he or other Russians have said this, but it confirmed that they have not given way.

Mr Karpov also objected to an American plan to re-locate 100 of the missiles withdrawn from Europe in Alaska — within striking distance of Soviet territory. He questioned an American scheme to convert some of the withdrawn Pershing-2s into shorter-range Pershing-1As and to redeploy some of the cruise missiles at sea.

Finally he objected to the time schedule drawn up by Washington for missile reductions in Europe. Under the preferred United States timetable, only the Soviet Union would reduce its missiles during the first two or three years, because they had more to get rid of. The Americans would join in when the numbers were more or less equal.

Three of the four objections raised, fall well within the scope of detailed negotiations at Geneva. The other could be more difficult.

Two weeks ago, the West German government grudgingly acquiesced in the zero-zero option, the quest for a superpower agreement to remove shorter-range as well as long-range theatre nuclear missiles from Europe. But it set certain conditions. One of these was that the 72 Pershing-1As would be retained.

Why either side should place so much store by 72 obsolete missiles which have been in place since 1962, takes some explaining. The United States insists that the Pershings represent "third country systems" which fall outside the scope of any superpower agreement simply because they are not held by either superpower. This is the argument which has

been previously been employed to save the British and French strategic deterrents from being counted. The Russians on the other hand, argue that to give way would be to accept the thin end of a wedge and leave the Americans free to supply similar systems to the British and the Italians as well.

This seems unlikely — and could anyway be prevented by treaty safeguards. Moreover, the Russians would be left with a significant advantage in the numbers of shorter-range missiles, including nearly 400 Scud which, with a range of nearly 200 miles, could strike quite deeply into West Germany from troop positions in Eastern Europe.

The usual way out of such a diplomatic impasse is to seek an alternative bargain which could restore a balance of advantage to whichever side gives way. But the West Germans chose yesterday to repeat their refusal to regard the Pershing-1As as "bargaining chips". The scope for other trade-offs is growing smaller.

So too is the time available. Mr Paul Nitze, the US arms control ambassador, said yesterday that the Americans would be prepared to negotiate in Geneva throughout the summer if need be. But with the 1988 elections taking over the United States next year, they will certainly need to have a treaty signed and sealed by late autumn in time for Congressional ratification in the spring.

Had the politicians been content with the option preferred by the military — a ceiling of 100 missiles on either side in Europe — the Pershing-1As might possibly have occupied a very secondary place in the talks. Now, however, they could well take the ultimate blame for delaying an agreement, if not scuppering it altogether. To their questionable strategic importance has been added symbolic importance. They have become the repository of East-West distrust, and that is an obstacle still greater than missiles.

## DEFENSIBLE SELF-DEFENCE

The acquittal by a New York court of Mr Bernhard Goetz on charges of attempted murder and assault provokes a mixed response. On the one hand, it reinforces a sneaking admiration for Mr Goetz, the "subway vigilante", whose quickness on the draw may have prevented one intimidatory crime and probably deterred a great many more. On the other, it arouses trepidation lest gun law prevail on the New York subway and wherever else the rule of law appears tenuous.

The development of public response to the case was instructive. When Mr Goetz first emerged from the subway, having shot at the four youths he believed had intended to rob him, he was universally hailed as a hero. Singlehanded, it was said, he had struck a blow for safety on the subway. There was no question but that his action was legitimate self-defence.

Then the questions began. Were the youths a real threat, or were they just begging without menaces? Had they been white, would Mr Goetz have been quite so quick to shoot? And why was he carrying a gun if he had no intention of using it?

The longer the case took to come to trial the more doubts accumulated. The gravity of the injuries inflicted on the alleged assailants was said to be out of all proportion to the crime said to be out of all proportion to the crime. They might have been intending to commit. They might have been less a hero and more a frustrated victim of crime looking for revenge, frustrated by the fact that he might be convicted.

Because of these additional considerations, his acquittal has been greeted with less exultation than might have been the case even a year ago. On learning the verdict, the Mayor of New York, Mr Edward Koch, warned that "vigilantism" would not be condoned.

Self-help, however, whether it is subsequently judged to constitute justifiable self-defence or an unwarranted taking of the law into one's own hands, is bound to flourish wherever people feel that they are not being properly protected by the police. This applies just as much in this country as it does in the United States.

Statistics which show a seemingly inexorable rise in violent crime, especially in urban areas, coupled with a decline in the clear-up rate, foster undue pessimism in some people regardless of their personal experience. Hence the number of women and elderly people who say they do not venture out after dark. In others, however, the same combination is a spur to action: they feel a personal obligation to succeed where they believe the custodians of law and order are failing.

Where the sense of personal responsibility assists the police effort, as in Neighbourhood Watch schemes, it is laudable. It is equally laudable, though sometimes foolhardy, when a member of the public acts spontaneously to apprehend a criminal in the act or prevent his escape. There is, however, a clear line between self-defence and public spirit on the one hand and private law-enforcement that fosters lawlessness on the other, and it is a line which has to be upheld by the police and no one else.

## New chance for nuclear test ban

From Dr J. K. Leggett

Sir, In February, at a forum in Moscow hosted by the Soviet Academy of Sciences, three scientists from our organisation presented the case for intrusive verification and the creation of an international inspectorate as means of confidence-building in the verification of compliance with a comprehensive ban on nuclear testing.

I was subsequently able to discuss the issue with Mr Gorbachev's senior scientific adviser, who had attended the presentation. At that time it seemed most unlikely that the Soviets would go further, in advance of actual negotiations for a comprehensive test ban, with concessions over verifiability.

Last week's announcement in Geneva (report, June 10) that mandatory on-site challenge inspections and the creation of an international inspectorate are now acceptable to the Soviets came as a welcome surprise, then, to those of us who advocate arms-control measures such as a ban on testing.

A comprehensive test ban is favoured by all British political parties. Let us hope that the Government can now use the new concessions to press for re-opened CTB negotiations.

In so reciprocating the new Soviet offer, Mrs Thatcher has the opportunity to repair some of the puzzlement she has engendered in Moscow by switching from conciliatory talk during her recent successful visit to cold-war rhetoric during the election campaign.

Sincerely,  
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June 10.

From Mr Enver Mamedov

Sir, The devotion of Prime Minister Mrs Thatcher to old ways of thinking which do not reflect the real situation in the world has been noticed in many newspapers recently. Philip Webster analysed this feature in an article in your paper on May 29.

During the recent election Mrs Thatcher put particular emphasis on defence questions — and it is here that her old thinking is especially harmful. She claims that "nuclear deterrence" is the only way to prevent war, and backs this up with another myth — that of a "Soviet threat".

But agreeing to the idea of nuclear deterrence actually means agreeing to the continuance of the arms race and to the possibility that all countries, regardless of their social system, will burn up in a single nuclear fire. This point is stressed now by world-famous

## Liberal prospects

From Dr Max Gannon

Sir, The disagreements within the Alliance party arise, I believe, from the spurious nature of the "Liberalism" which most of its members espouse. Never before has this country so greatly needed a genuine Liberal alternative to Conservatism, but all that is on offer is raw or lightly cooked State socialism, the antithesis of true Liberalism.

J. S. Mill in 1865 famously wrote, "A Liberal is he who looks forward for his principles of government; a Tory looks backward". At the moment the Conservative Party, under remarkable leadership, is custodian of both traditions.

The historic opportunity of the Alliance is to take upon itself the mantle of true Liberalism, form a loyal and constructive opposition and assist in the eradication of the disease of politics which State socialism manifestly is. Having

## Tamil rights

From Professor A. Jeyaratnam Wilson

Sir, Your editorial, "An offensive by India" (June 9), while endeavouring to maintain a balanced stance, fails to take into account the deceptions practised on Mr Rajiv Gandhi and his various emissaries since he took office in 1984.

The fact is that President Jayawardene of Sri Lanka successfully bought time to secure a military victory while keeping India at bay and misleading the Tamil people into believing that a negotiated settlement was available.

Your editorial also makes no reference to the cruel record of the violation of the human rights of the Tamil people by the State's

## Seat of majesty

From Mr Quentin J. Gelder

Sir, During the week prior to that of the Queen's birthday parade, the massed bands of the Brigade of Guards beat retreat on Horseguards Parade. At these functions, the salute was taken by a variety of dignitaries, who were seated under a canopy, and on decent chairs.

Her Majesty, on the other hand, sits without the dignity of a canopy, and on a plain and unadorned specimen of a variety of chair which those of us who are unlucky enough to have had frequent dealings with the Civil Service know to be just about the least comfortable form of seating ever devised by man.

The canopy is one of the traditional symbols of monarchy; if the Queen does not receive it, then certainly it ill befits one of her subjects to do so; and as for the chair, if the organisers of the birthday parade are that ill-

equipped, then I am certain that her Majesty would be graciously pleased to lend something appropriate, in response to a suitably phrased request!

Yours (mildly outraged) servant,  
QUENTIN J. GELDER,  
Wyvern,  
13 ZinZan Street,  
Reading, Berkshire,  
June 14.

From Simon Sinclair  
Sir, While watching the trooping of the colour on Saturday morning, I was astounded to notice that there was nobody ready to help her Majesty in or out of her phaeton, nor was a chair available for her until some considerable time into the ceremony.

My mother would have been treated with greater consideration. Yours faithfully,  
SIMON SINCLAIR (aged 15),  
Arundel Lodge,  
271 Swakeleys Road,  
Ickenham, Uxbridge, Middlesex.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Doubts on land for Army ranges

From Viscount Ridley

Sir, In his letter of June 9, the Director of the Ramblers' Association refers to the difficulties of allowing public access to military training areas. Nobody who saw on Salisbury Plain last month what the Army has done for conservation generally could fail to be impressed by their achievements and their wish to improve public access wherever possible. In many areas the public now have more access than ever before.

However, it must be obvious that some military training areas involve the unacceptable risk to the public of unexploded shells, and one can well imagine the outcry if a fatal accident were to occur. The Royal Armoured

### Church and State

From the Reverend J. W. Latham

Sir, I don't happen to share the Bishop of Durham's views (June 5), but I was astonished by Dr Norman's way of disagreeing with them (June 11): a prime example of what can happen when one sets out by assuming that someone will be wrong.

Despite his conservative views, he ends up by advocating their extreme opposite.

If the debate is about the practical means of determining economic and social adjustments it is surely conducted in a technical dimension where the insights of Christianity do not have any particularly distinctive contributions to make.

Not only what the Soviets would say, but depressing to think that this must apply in this country also — and a lamentable disregard for the origins of British politics, whether in medieval times or in 18th and 19th century Methodism.

His previous paragraph managed, however, to be even more amoral.

Once the State has lost its capacity to exercise a function as the teacher and enforcer of moral truths, then it will be found to be concerned with the lower ground of material distribution, and it is only human to expect public men to represent their necessary materialism in the language of ultimate principle.

I agree; it is "only human". Fortunately for us, however, many British politicians do represent "materialism" in the language of an ultimate principle which is above that of mere materialism. Yours sincerely,  
J. W. LATHAM,  
The Vicarage,  
Flare, Northampton.

### Medical ethics

From the Secretary of the British Medical Association

Sir, The courts have shown a remarkable grasp of the need to distinguish between that which should be regulated by law and that which can be left to the ethical procedures of the medical profession in dealing with the issues raised by Professor Kennedy and his colleague (June 13).

The profession as a whole strongly supports these decisions. But it is apparent that Professor Kennedy and his colleague do not. With one exception all the issues raised in their letter are concerned with human reproduction, which forms only a small, though highly publicised, aspect of medical law and ethics. The quango proposed by Professor Kennedy in the form of a national commission on medical law and ethics would not know where to start.

Medical practice is changing rapidly, and it is most unlikely that a body with such wide terms of reference would ever be able to react effectively to all the issues as they arise.

On the other hand, committees set up to deal with specific areas of concern, such as the Lane Committee on abortion (whose report alone occupies three volumes) and the Warnock committee on human fertilisation and embryology, have provided highly competent advice to the elected politicians who Professor Kennedy thinks are so uninformed on these issues. Yours faithfully,  
JOHN HAYWARD, Secretary,  
British Medical Association,  
BMA House,  
Tavistock Square, WC1.

### Honours uneven

From Mr James D. Graham

Sir, Two young women show incredible courage, dedication and skill, they suffer appalling degradation and great danger, one of them is even wounded. They are justly awarded for their work (report, June 13). However, one is given a higher award than the other.

Must the attitudes of society to the social and the financial differences between a doctor and "her" nurse continue even into the Birthday Honours list? Yours faithfully,  
J. D. GRAHAM,  
20 Ruthven Street, Glasgow.

### Beef Wellington?

From Mr Augustus Chaine

Sir, After Mass this morning, I asked the priest — French and traditionalist — to luncheon on June 18, observing that it is "la Fête Dieu". In accepting my invitation, Monsieur le Curé said: "Not only la Fête Dieu, but also the anniversary of the battle of Waterloo".

How many Englishmen know this date? I am ashamed that I did not.

Yours truly,  
AUGUSTUS CHAINE,  
33 Avenue Jean de Noailles,  
06400 Cannes, France,  
June 7.

## ON THIS DAY

JUNE 18 1917

Professor F. S. Delmer was returned to England in 1917 from Berlin, where he had been a professor of English at the university. He brought with him his schoolboy son, Sefton — later to become a distinguished foreign correspondent — and was at once engaged by *The Times* to write a series of articles on the German capital.

## BERLIN TO-DAY.

XL — A PATRIOTIC IRISH PRIEST.  
"KEEP YOUR OATH."

(By F. SEFTON DELMER.)

At the beginning of the war several young Englishmen who had grown up in Germany and had been sucked in to the whirlpool of German Kultur were among the million youths who volunteered for active service. In those days of intoxication every German boy thought that if he did not enlist at once he would miss all chance of being present at the great German victory. When the nationality of these young Englishmen was discovered they were removed from the front and packed off to Ruhleben. But before long the same German authorities who had turned them out of the Army were trying to cajole them to return to it. Not only that, but they methodically set about trying to induce Irish subjects, both in civil and military camps, into betraying their country by joining the German Army.

At Ruhleben they got a number of men who were only nominally English, but very few sons of British-born parents. They hoped the generous and impulsive Irish temperament would easily succumb to their arts. The Irishman was to play Cassio to their Iago, and they found their Rodrigo in Roger Casement. One sudden winter's day, while I was at Ruhleben, we were formed up in line in the mud and told that to-morrow Roger Casement was coming out to address the Irishmen among us. One Irishman present said pretty audibly that if Casement came he would "hit him in the neck." For some reason or other Casement did not come.

## DEFIANT FATHER CROTTY.

At the Irish prisoners' camp at Linsingen, however, the Germans tried to use even the priest as their tool. After Casement had exhausted his arts in trying to persuade the men to desert their flag, and when a number of them had been shaken in their allegiance, Father Crotty, whom I look upon as one of the heroes of the war, was asked by his German captors if he would speak a word of authority to the waverers that day at Mass. "Faith, and I will!" said he. It must have been a dramatic scene — the Irish soldiers gathered together in their rough, camp chapel, the priest near the altar, the German officer in uniform waiting, like Meophobius, for the words to fall from the priest's lips that were to betray these men into his power. The time came for the good priest to speak to his children.

"Men of Galway, Clare, and Connaught," he said, "the German Emperor wants you to go and fight on his side, and some people have been telling you that it is a proper thing for you to do. And I have been asked to tell you the same. But I have been sent to you by his Holiness the Pope, not to talk politics to you or to mislead you, or to be the procurer of any King or Kaiser on earth, but to tell you in the name of God and of the Holy Church what is good and right for men to do. As the priest of God I tell you it is your duty as good Catholics to keep the oath you have taken to be loyal to your King. And that's all I have to say to you this day. May the Grace of God rest upon you and help you!"

The German officer had to look on helplessly and see his prey slipping from his fingers. But he dared not interrupt the priest in his holy office...



## HEALTH

## Family food and fitness

The 'average' family has been bombarded with information about exercise and diet over the past decade. But has it been absorbed?

Victoria McKee profiles one family in the north, one in the south, to discover the secrets of their diets

The Badrick family lives in suburban Surrey, in a detached, three-bedroomed, Tudor-style house. Adele does not work outside the home and laughingly calls herself "a bored housewife". Her husband, Keith, is manager of computer projects for a major oil company. They have two children, Luke and Ruth. Ruth is a successful child model, goes to play-school two mornings a week and takes ballet and tap dancing lessons. Luke attends a private school where he does judo and swimming and plays tennis. He also swims weekly with his father.

Keith Badrick smokes about 15 low-tar cigarettes a day. Adele used to, but gave up when she was pregnant with Luke. Keith was extremely athletic in his youth, running for his school and playing football every day. None of the family has any allergies, wears glasses or has had any serious illness. All feel fit and take moderate exercise — the children at school and through extra dancing classes and after-school sports, their mother, never particularly sporty, by swimming once a week and going to a weekly keep-fit class, and their father by swimming with the family and the occasional game of tennis.

All are naturally slim and do not worry about their weight, but Adele has recently begun to heed health warnings. She buys wholemeal bread, sees that the children limit their intake of sweets and ensures that everybody eats fresh fruit and vegetables and wholegrain cereals daily.

She estimates that she spends about £75 a week on the family's grocery shopping — £50 at the weekend and £25 during the week — and admits: "At weekends I tend to munch crisps or peanuts when I watch television. If we've had a big lunch I may just have grilled kebabs for dinner, but I give Keith potatoes and vegetables with his."

Keith admits that he indulges in chocolate doughnuts or iced buns from the local baker at the weekend while watching television.

Of her son's school dinners, Mrs Badrick says: "I think they're appalling. I believe state schools are far better about nutrition. Every day I ask him what he has had to eat and sometimes he says: 'A sausage roll and a pasty.' It sounds dreadful."



In the swim: they all feel fit and they all take moderate exercise

## THE BADRICKS OF SURREY

**ADELE:** 37, 5ft 6in, 8st  
Breakfast: One boiled egg, slice wholemeal toast, tea with milk.  
Mid-morning snack: Coffee with milk and sugar, biscuits or iced bun.  
Lunch: 2 slices of wholemeal bread and cheese with salad cream, apple, cup of tea with milk, jam doughnut, apple turnover.  
In the car: 4oz bag of Liquorice Allsorts, shared with Ruth.  
Afternoon: Cup of decaffeinated coffee with milk and sugar.  
Dinner: 4oz lean steak mince, with onions, tomatoes and peppers, 2oz wholemeal pasta, fresh orange juice, large bowl of non-dairy ice-cream. Cup of tea with milk.  
Before bed: Cup of soup.  
**KEITH:** 37, 6ft 1in, 12½st  
Breakfast: 2 slices wholemeal toast with butter, cup of tea with sugar.  
Lunch (at work): Sandwich on wholemeal bread with butter, apple, cup of coffee with milk and sugar, small pack salted peanuts.  
Afternoon: Cup of coffee with milk and sugar.  
Dinner: 4oz steak mince (as above), fresh pineapple juice. Apple pie with

2 scoops non-dairy ice-cream, cup of coffee with milk and sugar.  
Before bed: Cup of soup.  
**LUKE:** 8½, 4ft, 4½st  
Breakfast: Muesli, ½ cup whole milk.  
Snack (school): Cod and chips, frozen peas, sweetcorn, carrots. Tinned peaches.  
Tea (at friend's house): 2 fried fish fingers, 2 slices white bread and butter, cake, apple, fresh pineapple juice.  
Before bed: Maybe a choc-ice.  
**RUTH:** 4½, 2½st  
Breakfast: Weetabix (1½), 1 spoonful honey, ½ cup whole milk, glass of fresh pineapple juice.  
Snack: Plain biscuit and ½ cup milk or juice.  
Lunch: Whole portion of boiled-in-the-bag cod in parsley sauce, 2 small new potatoes (skins on), 2 carrots, apple juice, fruit yoghurt.  
Afternoon: Shared Liquorice Allsorts, fresh orange juice.  
Tea: 2 slices wholemeal bread and cheese, salad cream, apple and ½ cup of milk.  
Before bed: No snacks.

## THE EXPERT'S COMMENTS

Professor Clyde Williams, Professor of Sports Medicine at Loughborough University, observes that although the Badricks look slim, it is impossible to gauge what their all-important ratio of fat to lean bodyweight is. "A person can appear to be slim but actually contain a high proportion of fat to lean muscle tissue. The bathroom scales are poor indicators of fitness, and genetically lean people can actually carry a great deal of fat without it being apparent."

"Keith Badrick is heading for danger if he was an athlete and is now a fairly sedentary smoker. His smoking and his lack of exercise outweigh any plus points from his past."

"Adele Badrick is actually doing much better, because she is now exercising twice a week. Three times would be better, but she's on the right track."

"The children seem to be getting enough activity at school; their diet

seems quite adequate, although I know the nutritionists could pick holes in it — and you can over-eat on healthy foods, too."

"In the case of the Davenports, Roger is excellent, although it would be better if all his activity were not crammed into the weekend. The same is true with Pamela. And a man and woman shouldn't run together because the woman tends to be over-exerted and the man under."

"The children are getting enough exercise and, if Matthew takes his medication for asthma, he should be able to continue playing football. Swimming is excellent training for an asthmatic child."

"A balanced diet and a modicum of exercise is best and, family enough, there tends to be an inverse relationship between the amount of food you eat and the amount of exercise you do. The amount of exercise you would have to do to counter a bad diet is extreme."



Real food, (real ale for the father) but no more weekend fry-ups

## THE DAVENPORTS OF CHESHIRE

**PAMELA:** 34, 5ft 1½in, 7½st  
Breakfast: Cereal, cup of tea with milk.  
Mid-morning: Cup of tea with milk.  
Lunch: Wholemeal bread sandwich, butter, 2oz tuna, lettuce, tomato, watercress, cup of tea with milk, orange.  
Afternoon: Nothing.  
Dinner: Spaghetti bolognese (lean minced beef, onions, Parmesan, celery, carrots, tomatoes), scoop dairy ice-cream, slice of watermelon. 2 glasses of red wine.  
Before bed: Cup of tea with milk.  
**ROGER:** 37, 6ft, 12½st  
Breakfast: 2 cups percolated coffee with milk.  
Mid-morning: Cup of tea at work with milk.  
Lunch (at work): 2 wholemeal rolls, butter, lettuce, tomato, cucumber, 1oz cheese, 2 cream crackers, butter, apple. Coffee with milk.  
Afternoon: Tea with milk.  
Dinner: As above if home, with 2 or 3 glasses of wine.  
Before bed: Perhaps a pint home-brewed beer, peanuts.

**MATTHEW:** 8, 4ft, 4½st  
Breakfast: 2 Weetabix, sugar, ½ cup milk, tea with milk and sugar.  
Mid-morning (school): Fresh orange or apple juice.  
Lunchbox: Wholemeal sandwich, garlic sausage, butter, pieces of smoked cheese, cereal snack bar, crisps, banana.  
Afternoon: Fruit juice, biscuit or Kit Kat.  
Evening meal: Spaghetti bolognese, ½ cup milk, one scoop dairy ice-cream and watermelon.  
Before bed: No snack.  
**JESSICA:** 4, 3ft 4in, 2½st  
Breakfast: Weetabix (1½), ½ cup milk, sugar, fresh orange or apple juice, toasted finger roll, margarine.  
Mid-morning (school): Glass of synthetic orange squash.  
Lunchbox: Wholemeal corned beef sandwich, butter, smoked cheese, cereal bar, packet of crisps, apple, orange juice.  
After school: Same as Matthew.  
Evening meal: Spaghetti bolognese, ½ cup milk, scoop dairy ice-cream, small slice watermelon.  
Before bed: No snacks.

Roger Davenport works as general manager of a hospital in Cheshire; the family moved from Bury, Lancashire, a couple of years ago. They live in a modern three-bedroomed semi. Every Sunday, Roger and Pamela take their children to play football and cricket at school matches being running to keep fit in the last 10 years. "Since father became fashionable," says Pamela, "my husband and I have been miles together at the weekend."

Pamela was very athletic at school, playing hockey and taking part in cross-country running, and feels she is no longer getting as much exercise as she should be. As a former dental assistant, she has been aware of the evils of sugar for years. "Neither of my two children has any fillings in their teeth," she says proudly.

She and Roger both wear glasses occasionally. — Pamela for reading and watching television; Roger just recently for distances. Roger has hay fever and Pamela is allergic to

strawberries, which the rest of the family adore, but neither has had any serious illnesses.

Their son, Matthew, has just been told that he suffers from asthma — a condition he noticed when he started getting breathless

after school. The rest of the family has no serious illnesses. Pamela, who has been a dental assistant for 10 years, says: "I've been a dental assistant for 10 years, and I've never had a filling in my teeth. I've been a dental assistant for 10 years, and I've never had a filling in my teeth."

Roger has always done all the family's shopping, because he enjoys it. He is keen on "real food" as well as real ale. "We eat only fresh foods at the weekend, although during the week, because of the time factor, we do rely on convenience foods." They watch their weight and have forsaken their weekend breakfast fry-ups.

Roger estimates that the family spends £50 a week on food, excluding drink and eating out.

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## Secrets from the womb

## MEDICAL BRIEFING

Between 2 and 3 per cent of pregnant women undergo amniocentesis, which can now identify 45 different metabolic disorders in the foetus. Many women, however, wonder whether the benefits outweigh the risks: a recent review in *Update* may help them resolve the dilemma.

A baby in the uterus lives in a fluid-filled amniotic sac, rather like a fairground goldfish in a plastic bag. For 50 years doctors have been drawing off the liquor, a process known as amniocentesis, to study the baby's biochemistry, and since 1967 the chromosomal make-up of cells shed into the liquor has been analysed in order to make an antenatal diagnosis of Down's syndrome and other

chromosomal abnormalities. The review, by Mr John Giles and Dr Malcolm Nye, of the Royal Free Hospital, London, gives six factors (including advanced maternal age) which increase the likelihood of having a child with chromosomal abnormalities; they believe that amniocentesis, which carries a very small risk to the mother in cases of rhesus incompatibility, and the greater hazards of inducing a spontaneous abortion or of injury to the child, is none the less worthwhile.

The operation itself is carried out at about the 16th or 17th week under ultrasound surveillance so that the needle can be inserted into a clearly seen pool of liquor, well away from the placenta.

## Soothed gullets

After their performances in *Phantom of the Opera*, Michael Crawford and Sarah Brightman can compare notes on hospital life: after complaining of indigestion, both have recently been in-patients. Crawford for investigation and treatment of severe oesophagitis, the result of an hiatus hernia, and Miss Brightman for surgery for a persistent duodenal ulcer. In the event of relapse they will be encouraged to learn that a new drug, omeprazole, made by Astra, is apparently more efficient than the H2 antagonists Zantac and Tagamet in suppressing the symptoms of peptic ulceration.

Trials were discontinued for a time because of untoward effects in rats, but experiments show that similar troubles are unlikely to affect humans and omeprazole is again being used.

Dr Karna Bardhan, of Rotherham District General Hospital, told *The Times* that after eight weeks of treatment with omeprazole, patients in whom oesophagitis had produced a raw, red bleeding gullet, had a massive lining of new tissue. "The lining was just what was needed to heal the ulcer," he said. "The lining was just what was needed to heal the ulcer."

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## Beating the bugs

Each year, 45,000 women in England and Wales have abdominal hysterectomies, and 10,500 vaginal hysterectomies. American figures suggest that up to half the former group and 78 per cent of the latter will suffer from some post-operative infection. Apart from the patients' discomfort, this doubles the time they spend in hospital.

Dr Catherine James, senior lecturer in gynaecology at St Thomas's Hospital, London, reviews the problem of infection after gynaecological operations in the magazine *Maternal & Child Health*. She recommends a variety of measures to reduce its incidence, ranging from the simple precaution of ensuring that pre-menopausal women are admitted early in the menstrual cycle and that gynaecological surgery during menstruation is avoided, to the more vexed questions of the use of antibiotics prophylactically.

There is evidence to suggest that when the surgeon decides to do a vaginal hysterectomy, pre-operative antibiotics reduce infection. But if the surgeon decides to do a vaginal hysterectomy, pre-operative antibiotics reduce infection. But if the surgeon decides to do a vaginal hysterectomy, pre-operative antibiotics reduce infection.

## The right pill for the kissing disease

Women with liver disease are normally not recommended to use the combined contraceptive pill, and a doctor writing in the *British Medical Journal* has questioned the advisability of their taking that pill if they have glandular fever, in which there is a 90 per cent chance of hepatitis involvement.

Glandular fever, caused by one of the herpes group of diseases, the Epstein Barr virus, is spread by the oral-respiratory route, especially through saliva, hence the description of it as the kissing disease. Typically the disease

followed by a very severe sore throat, enlarged glands and, in 50 per cent of cases, a large swelling to most cases the liver function tests are abnormal: the liver is enlarged in 20 per cent of cases and in 5 per cent there is obvious jaundice.

In reply to the doctor's query, Mr James Owen Dyrks, senior lecturer in gynaecology at Leicester University, recommends that women should use another method so long as liver function tests are abnormal. A low-dose progesterone pill combined with a barrier method is a possible alternative.

Dr Thomas Stuttford

## FIGHT BACK AGAINST FEAR, PICK UP THE JULY ISSUE OF ELLE.



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ELLE

## In search of healing

## SECOND OPINION



Allegra Taylor

To become, in the winter of my days, a wise old woman acquainted with the healing arts, has always seemed to me to be a desirable goal. American Indians believe that you don't begin to be old enough to be a medicine man until the age of 65, and not until you really become good at it until the age of 81. With this long-term view in mind, I wanted to discover how healing works, if anyone could learn to do it, and if the latent stirrings I felt in my own hands could be developed into useful skills as I got older.

The problem for the novice seeker is the confusing multiplicity of paths to choose from. I was raised with a fairly "stiff and nonsense" approach to the occult, and as a sensible British mother of grown-up children I tended to regard the alternative lifestyle and spiritual growth movements with a degree of scepticism.

In order to make any progress, I felt I needed to make myself receptive to quite startling new ideas while trying to hold on to my critical faculties, my relative sanity, and (most importantly) my sense of humour. The first thing was to make allowances for the deeply off-putting jargon that bedevils the alternative healing fringe. Our language does not adequately describe mystical experiences or unexplainable occurrences, and not being poets, most healers get awfully bogged down in gushing purple waterfalls and crystal rainbow-type similes.

My quest took the form of a journey around the world to look for some different cultural manifestations of the healing encounter, and to see if they shared any common ground. I saw some remarkable things in eastern Kenya, a traditional doctor who dis-

garded with immense suspicion; if not derision, by august bodies such as the British Medical Association. It is true that a lot of what we call intuition is just a hair's breadth away from self-delusion and fantasy, so it is important to keep one's powers of judgement alert; but I think you have to be able to take risks and keep on reinforcing your intuition with more and more experience. This goes for healers and patients alike.

Although not impossible, cases of cripples throwing away their crutches and running down the aisle are extremely rare. A healer is not a failure if the instantaneous cure is not forthcoming, because healing is not necessarily synonymous with cure. As Rosalyn Bruyere, an American healer, says: "This is not to diminish the miracle of healing. A disease is of a damaged person, not just a damaged part. The rest of the miracle is the taking of personal responsibility on the part of the patient — a commitment to change." A healer is there to help create the space in which that dynamic change can take place.

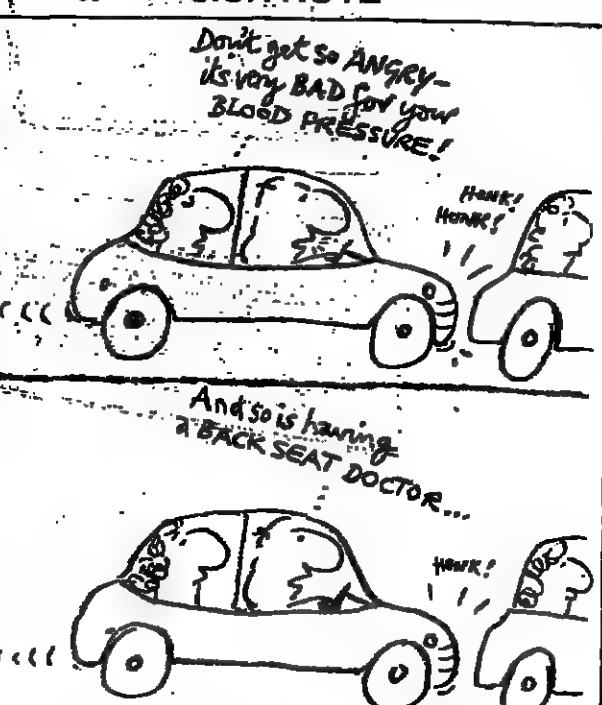
Of course there is a risk of charlatanism and exploitation, but there are plenty of useless doctors around as well. Respectability has never been a guarantee of competence.

To me, the continuous thread that wove together all the good healers I met was their sincerity of purpose — a quality of wholeheartedness. There is a wonderful simplicity about healing. It is lovely to both give and receive, and I believe anyone can do it.

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## Calman's SICK NOTE



TOMORROW  
Body and soul-search: Anita Roddick on present realities and American dreams

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## SPECTRUM 2

In his new Cabinet post, can Mrs Thatcher's blue-eyed boy prove he has more than just the right looks for party leadership?

# Thatcherism's clean-cut face

Even the few enemies of John Moore, the new Secretary of State for Social Services, and thus the man to carry the Thatcherite banner emblazoned "Caring" into the next five years, do not deny that he is personable and photogenic in the manner of his first political idol, John F. Kennedy.

Those few enemies, naturally, are bound to increase now that his current political guru, Margaret Thatcher, has moved him into a position where phrases like "the next PM but one" are as likely to appear on betting slips as in newspaper profiles.

Even the friends of a man whose strides from Tory student leader to Cabinet rank have been without apparent stumble, are aware that those smooth good looks, so important in his preferment, must now be proved to be more than gift-wrapping on an empty package. "People go on about John's blue eyes: now they will learn to talk about his grey matter," said a friend, stoutly.

Another Westminster gossip, less friendly, expressed the thought a different way: "Perched up in a high place, preening is an OK occupation for a bored budgegar. I am not sure he has ever shown the decision for the very top."

All this talk of looks is not an irrelevance. Like the rehabilitated Cecil Parkinson, the redesigned Neil Kinnock, or the realigning David Owen, Moore came to the attention of party managers because of his telegraphic: no one now can seriously aspire to high office who has obvious warts, or an inability to swap badinage with Wogan.

## THE TIMES PROFILE

JOHN MOORE

John Moore, resting briefly at the close of his second day in office, said he was "increasingly irritated by discussion about how I look: it gives me a sudden insight into how it must feel to be a bright woman who is constantly complimented on her sexy legs. Luckily I don't take it in the least bit seriously."

Then: "But that does not mean I am unaware of the importance of a telegraphic image. I voted against the televising of Parliament because I recognized its possible impact. It would not be professional not to be aware of the importance of how one appears."

Image, of course, is also part of the armoury of leadership, and since 1984 commentators have been promoting his name as a future Tory leader: an opinion he shared? "I have read such things, and they make me feel odd. I don't really know how to react. I had wished instead people had concentrated on what I was doing at the time. One may fall under a bus, so the thing is to live every day to the full."

Then: "Sorry, that all sounds a bit puritan. Every politician must wonder what he could do, given opportunity. To be here and not be interested in power and the uses of power would be really very foolish."

In both those answers it seemed that an innate honesty struggled with a politician's acquired evasiveness, and won: he appeared a sounder

man as a result. As another of his friends said: "John will do awfully well, because he has no illusions about himself, but is good with what comes to hand, with what he has got."

Like a huge physical drive. At his previous departments, Energy, the Treasury and Transport, he tended to arrive at his desk at 7am. ("Yes, and didn't he go on about it," said a parliamentarian. "You couldn't meet him in the evening without him yawning and casually mentioning what time he had got up, as though, being unsure, he wanted to impress with his stamina.")

Thus he arrived at his new office, looming above the Elephant and Castle, at a run on Monday morning around seven, and left stricken DHSS aides in his wake as he shot through his own imposed schedule of meetings, each timed to the second. "It's my way. Don't need much sleep. I am up at 5.30. If you don't get bored you don't get tired."

Looking down on the dreary inner-city sprawl which represents his greatest political test, Moore would not be trapped into a word about how he intends to proceed: "I have too much to find out. Where are the locks and rapids on this torrent? Until I have heard a lot more, read a great deal, I will not spout about what is intended."

But it was significant surely that, in her speech at the moment of victory, Mrs

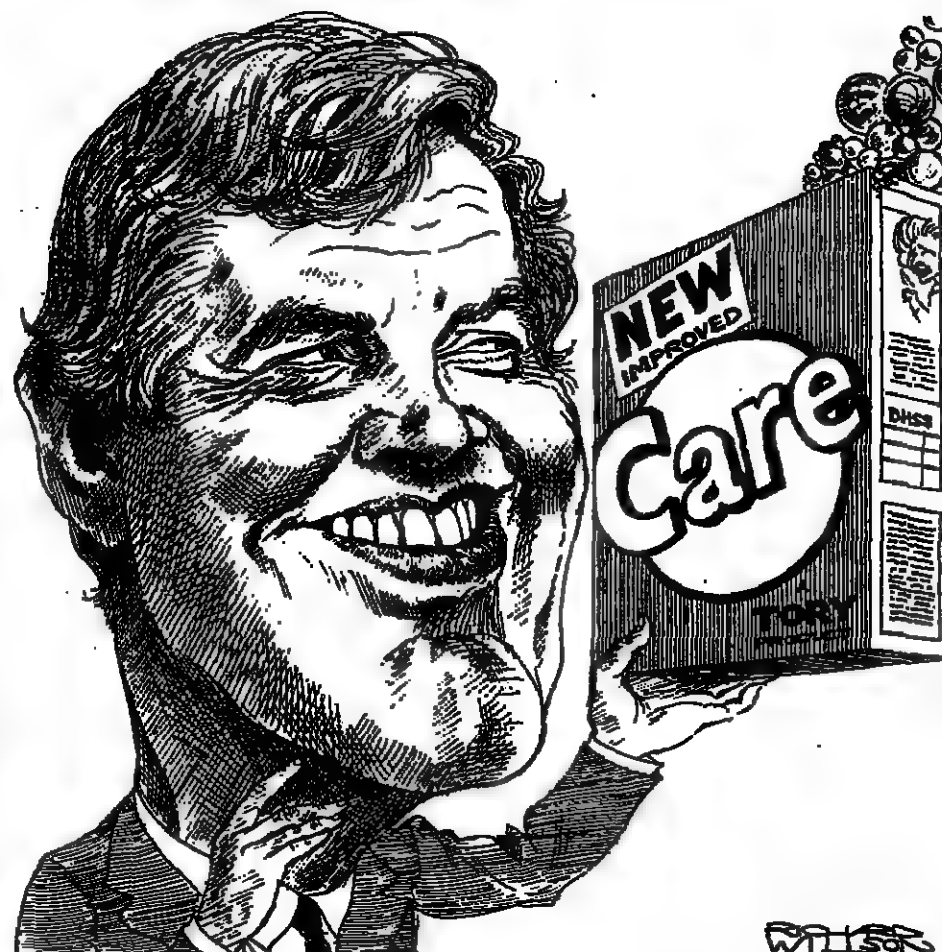
Thatcher had spoken of the need for caring for those who appeared to have been left out of the new prosperity? Yes indeed, said Moore, but it was not that some had been left out because of unfair sharing of that wealth, rather that the earning of that wealth had barely begun.

"I am now 49. All my adult life we have been a nation in decline, and all the talk has been about the reasons for that decline, and the envy and distress it caused. She has led us through a radical turn-about. At last we are going up. But we have not done anything yet but make a beginning. That is why this is such an exciting time."

As minister responsible for health, would he be demanding his share of that wealth? "That implies that spending is the only answer. We already spend £66 billion on health: the nation wants us to care, but care effectively. The health service is really a huge success story."

There was not going to be time to talk Moore through his life and career thus far: the son of a bench-hand, he was educated at the Licensed Victuallers School, enjoyed National Service distinction in the Korean war, was a prominent Tory student at LSE, went to America as a financial analyst, fell under the Kennedy spell and became a Democrat precinct captain — a street politician — in Chicago.

He returned to Britain with an American wife, Sheila, robustly ambitious for her husband in the American manner: when Margaret Thatcher mentioned that she was collecting books for a political shelf at her office, a work by Sheila Moore on the



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1955-57: National Service, Korea.  
1962: Banking and stockbroking, Chicago. Married Sheila Tillotson, two sons, one daughter.  
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1974: MP for Croydon Central.  
1975: Vice-chairman, Conservative Party.  
1979: Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Department of Energy.  
1983: Economic, then Financial Secretary to the Treasury.  
1985: Secretary of State for Transport.  
1987: Secretary of State for Social Services.

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## THE ARTS

## Custom built

Old ways were under fire last night. *Disappearing World* (ITV) looked at how what the Lau of Malaita call their life of customs has been undermined by "sakula", a word covering a multitude of sins, education, Christianity and technology. Then, during the riotous hilarity of *Porterhouse Blue* (Channel 4), half the college went up in flames as we were given the infamous condom scene of Tom Sharpe's novel.

There was a time when the mere mention of the word, let

## TELEVISION

alone a glimpse of rubber, would have provoked outrage, but the French rugby selectors have long ensured that those singular syllables have been broadcast with impunity (Monsieur is currently popping up down under in the World Cup); and Aids programmes have made the sight of prophylactics almost commonplace.

More disturbing was the loss of John Sessions as the better-observed swot Zipper. Sessions is a bit and miss performer, ranging from a brilliant new genius to the wild air-shot, but here was a more measured, addictive if less virtuous performer.

Of course "sakula" could be blamed for the lad's untimely demise. His most un-Porterhousean scholarship had left him ignorant of the ways of the flesh, the chaplain had recommended "protectors" in the first place, and the gasp had provided the technological means for their deadly inflation.

No doubt Porterhouse's "men of custom", led by the redoubtable Skullion, would have the sympathy of the more traditional Lau, who too segregate the sexes in their daily lives. Missionaries have been messing things up, however. Some of the women even prefer Christian comforts after giving birth after the customary sitting on a rock for 30 days.

A video man has further confused things by exposing traditional dancers to the gyrations of John Travolta in *Grease*. But, as Sir Cathcart showed in *Porterhouse Blue* with his wooing of the television personality Carrington, modern media are not always the enemy of tradition. The cameras prompted the Lau to build a house dedicated to their old culture, to be completed with the tape of Granada's programme about them.

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Bowie: "I think it's the nearest I can get to performance art"

# How Ziggy fell to earth

David Bowie's latest world tour comes to Britain tomorrow, playing two nights at Wembley Stadium: interview by Bryan Appleyard

From the gloomy hallway of a suite on the ninth floor of the Rotterdam Hilton, a hand is proffered. "Er... hello..." David Bowie. Coming from one of the world's most instantly recognizable figures — skeletal thin, tight black Levi's, grey suede loafers, a massive blond cockade and a mysterious bruise under his right eye — the introduction hardly seems necessary. But, then again, identity is a changeable and marketable commodity in the rock business, so it is as well to be sure.

Bowie, if you believe the Press cuttings, has been through quite a few self-transformations in his time. There was David Jones, the schoolboy not-quite-star, followed rapidly by Ziggy Stardust, the preened and perfect being from another planet. Then there was the androgynous superstar, riddled with *Angst*, the Thin White Duke — a temporary fascist guise — and now there is the committed rocker. And in this incarnation he is not prepared to go along with the old arty posturing.

"I think I'm pretty straightforward. The ever-changing David Bowie and all that, it's just an easy tag to put on me. It's just a lazy way of writing about me. I just like changing the staging every time I go out. I was quite poppy at the start, then I started getting quite arty. Now I think I'm somewhere between the two."

The products of this phase are an album — *Never Let Me Down* — and a world tour which comes to Britain with two concerts at Wembley Stadium tomorrow and on Saturday. On the day we met, he had just had first confirmation that he will be able to take his show to the Soviet Union. It will be, he says, the tour he has never been able to finance before. Sponsor-

ship from Pepsi Cola has been "a splash in the ocean" of its total cost, which runs into "millions... millions" and which he claims has come largely out of his own pocket.

As for the new style, he starts to explain: "Quite new... extraordinary... a degree of physicality". Abandoning the attempt, he rushes over to a video and plays a sequence from rehearsals in New York. This shows Bowie being batonically mugged by a group of burly dancers and it explains the facial bruise as well as others on his arms and chest.

"This show is utterly relentless. There are minimal pieces in it though. But I think it's the nearest I can get to performance art. I wanted to bring in disparate styles of dancing and a European style of theatre — something you don't often see in rock."

"Actually, when I start to get analytical about my work, it's quite hard to find it. I guess I try and process what I read about or see on television along with my own experiences of life. I may be becoming more socially aware, but I don't think I've ever become a shaker and a changer of what's happening."

"I guess, even though I'm trying to become more didactic, ha ha ha" — the laugh is muffled and ironic — "I don't feel that that is what I am good at doing. I think what I do is put together an impression of how I see society through quite unconscious incidents and points of view. A lot of it comes from dream states in this show. A psychiatrist would have a heyday with what I do on stage in

terms of how I visualize songs. But there seem to be recurrent themes — crutches and gas-masks and so on. I don't know where they come from. The show just seems to have a life of its own."

But does all this elaborate contrivance not emphasize how far he now is from the young street life from which his music sprang? "I'm not necessarily further away. I'm certainly a long way from what I used to do in the streets. But I'm not entirely sure whether I ever actually had what one would term 'street credibility'."

He is trying very hard to settle down and see the real world: "Over the past few years I've tried to find what makes me happy other than work and I've realized that not much does. But I did realize that my relationship with my son was probably the primary interest and the most fulfilling thing in my life." Joe — once known as Zowie — Bowie is now 16 and at school at Gordonstoun. He seems to be the still point in the turning world of rock which, from the mid-Seventies, has gradually slowed the old star down.

"You have to develop a philosophical commitment to children. As Joe grew up I realized that here was a human being that it was my priority to care for and keep in touch with. It changed me more than anything else. I put an awful lot in perspective. I wanted to consider myself somebody that he could talk to and whose opinions he would take seriously. I

didn't want to be considered by him as the court jester or something."

The family home is primarily in Switzerland. He is divorced from Joe's mother, Angie, and the only constant woman in his life seems to be his formidable personal assistant Corinne "Coco" Schwab, who was in another suite at the Hilton but did not put in an appearance other than on the phone. His life, he says, is consumed by work and as much skiing as he can fit in. The music, meanwhile — in the absence of any clear idea of who his audience actually is these days — is strictly for the benefit of D. Bowie.

"I've stopped writing with my audience. I don't think I ever wrote for them. The thing about the early days in rock 'n' roll is it's very clubby. I used to want to say 'Listen, you'll like this' or 'Maybe you've not heard of William Burroughs but...'. But now I've not a clue what the people out there are like."

The whole Bowie message is modest, unassuming and reluctant to make any more claims. He just wants to put on the best rock show of the year and get on with the next album. After all, he is 40. When he was 20 he could barely even imagine life beyond 30. Now he can see no reason why he, Jagger, Dylan and the rest should not be rocking when they are 70. The key is letting the shows and the album speak for themselves — living on stage in a violent urban dreamland without actually living in one.

"I'm starting to find out that it's possible to be a writer and continue up these areas of the unconscious without having to put them in one's real life. You don't have to throw yourself off a mountain in order to write about somebody throwing himself off a mountain."

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## Colombian caper

## CINEMA

**Chronicle of a Death Foretold**  
(15)  
Lumière; Gate Notting Hill

**White of the Eye**  
(18)  
Cannons Oxford Street, Panton Street

In *Chronicle of a Death Foretold* Gabriel García Márquez meets Francesco Rosi and the encounter is not altogether easy. Márquez, the Nobel Prize-winning Colombian writer, with his "magic realism", is ambivalently fascinated by the dominance of obscurantist tradition in Latin America. Rosi, as film-maker, is rationalist and radical; his most characteristic films take the form of investigations, ferreting truth out of obscure hidden places.

Here a Márquez melodrama is submitted to a Rosi investigation. Reshaping the story with his screenwriter Tonino Guerra, Rosi has Gian Maria Volonte return to his native home, a god-forsaken waterfront township in Colombia, to recall the circumstances in which his best



Ornela Muti, so decorative as Angela in *Chronicle of a Death Foretold* that acting hardly seems to matter

friend Santiago (Anthony Delon) died 27 years before. This long-ago tragedy involved the beautiful Angela (Ornela Muti) and a rich, mysterious stranger, Bayardo (Rupert Everett), who automatically wins her — only to deliver her back to her family on the wedding night: she is not the virgin he thought. Obligated to avenge the family honour, Angela's twin brothers force her to name her seducer so that they can kill him. Angela points the finger at Santiago.

As he dredges their memories, Volonte discovers that every person in the town — including himself — had at some moment the possibility to prevent the tragedy, yet each, Platonic-like, evaded their responsibility. The dangerous conspiracy of silence is a regular theme in Rosi films: if it seems less compelling here it is perhaps because he does not share Márquez's fascination with the Latin *machismo* ethos.

Hence, no doubt, the investigatory element fades away, and the melodrama, presented as a complex collage of memory flashbacks, takes over. By the end the Volonte character is forgotten, as the film climaxes in a bitter-sweet and unrepentantly romantic reconciliation of the middle-aged and mellowed Angela and Bayardo, to the accompaniment of Piero Piccioni's lush musical score.

The end seems arbitrary; this is the moment when one feels the rational Rosi's credu-

lity deserts him, and the irreconcilables between director and author are exposed. The film was largely shot on location, and Rosi indulged such luxuries as re-creating a paddle steamer of extinct species. The resulting picture, photographed by Pasqualino de Santis, is exotically handsome.

The handicap of the necessary big budget was clearly to force on Rosi an "international" cast. Ornela Muti and Anthony Delon (son of Alain) are so richly decorative that their skill as actors hardly comes into question. Rupert Everett proves a greater liability, though his performance has been improved since the original Cannes showing by replacing his West End juvenile diction with a dubbed Spanish voice. The performance still betrays lack of directorial discipline: unrestrained, the actor postures, rather than crediting any substance or believability to a character that remains too mysterious for his own good and is generally presented like the obligatory enigmatic stranger in a spaghetti Western.

Donald Cammell's dark and vivid imagination has not often reached the screen. In 1970 he wrote and co-directed (with Nicolas Roeg) *Performance*; and his only other film until now has been *Devon* (1974), 10 years ago. *White of the Eye*, which he co-wrote with his wife from a novel by Margaret Tracy, is a sick tale of the killing and mutilation of a series of prosperous young middle-class women in rural Arizona. The locality turns out to be replete with psychopaths to provide the police with suspects.

Story and characters are not very original, though David Keith and Cathy Moriarty are intelligent and inventive in the lead roles; and the story rambles into extended anticlimax once the identity of the killer is revealed. The film is more interesting for the bravura with which Cammell, using stylish camerawork and editing and a system of flashbacks that are sometimes near-subliminal — an excess of style that is better than meretricious, because of Cammell's assurance in deploying it. Admirable too is the evocation of the setting — the opulent and pretentious ranch-house mansions isolated in the bleak, baking desert; a place, clearly, where madness and murder are all that can be expected.

David Robinson

## THEATRE

**Jenkin's Ear**  
Royal Court

"Objectivity is often another word for moral cowardice" observes the hero of *Dusty Hughes's* play. He is a veteran foreign correspondent reminiscent of James Cameron, and he addresses the remark to an ambitious younger colleague who has made a big killing with an objective best-seller on the Falklands War.

Their conversation takes place in a fictional Latin American country bordering on Nicaragua which is well stocked with residents who likewise hold what they consider to be objective opinions. There is a silver-haired British ambassador to whom the landscape is more interesting than the people, and his drug-addicted daughter to whom everything is a big yawn. There is the head of the American Embassy — a former film actress who charmingly takes Jenkin to task on his reports from Vietnam: "They were anti-American; they were not objective".

Meanwhile, death squads are roaming the streets and delivering the heads of dissidents, as a warning to their families. But, as this is a "nice new democracy" propped up by America, the actions of the Interior Minister, Ruiz, and his assassins go unrecorded.

*Jenkin's Ear* is at once a debate, sharpening the contradictions between interested viewpoints on this political hell-hole, and a straightforward political thriller with a strong story-line.

A woman working for Christian Aid has been shot by Ruiz's men. Jenkin, her former lover, comes to investigate the case. So does the young reporter Foster. They



Spellbinding duo: Robert Urquhart (left) and Alfred Molina

are roaming the streets and delivering the heads of dissidents, as a warning to their families. But, as this is a "nice new democracy" propped up by America, the actions of the Interior Minister, Ruiz, and his assassins go unrecorded.

What the play does is to notch up one small humane success in a country where such successes are few. Its power derives from Hughes's skill and moral sensitivity in placing the central story in a context of marginal events. The characters are divided

between those who can escape whenever they wish and those who are irrevocably committed to staying there.

On one side, the diplomatic community and the journalists; on the other, the left-wing priest, and the Indian who comes forward in an Uncle Sam mask to identify the Americans as the new conquistadores. The play takes its title from the moment when Jenkin undergoes a knife attack in a bar, after which he changes sides and commits himself to danger.

I wish Mr Hughes had devised a narrative form that did not depend so heavily on flashbacks. Also the story would carry greater weight if Jenkin as well as Foster had an assignment to meet. Otherwise this moral-political fable rings true.

It is also well characterized. Even the Republican lady (Phyllida Law) and Ruiz (Nadim Sawalha) are given their dues of charm and intelligence. Robert Urquhart's Jenkin, a gentle veteran in a ruined body, and Alfred Molina's humorously suspicious priest form a spell-binding partnership.

Irving Wardle

### The Mask of Moriarty

Haymarket, Leicester

that dreadful cauldron. That we should ever have observed him dead rests upon a clumsy error in Dr Watson's narrative of Moriarty's fall. His body did not bounce off a rock but off a roc, the supposedly mythical bird of Arabia, which broke his descent and saved his life.

As readers who have reached this paragraph will be starting to suspect, pastiche is a hard art to keep going. Leonard's score is average in this area: Holmes and Watson

exhibit the snap and puff expected of them, and the character of Bunty, strayed in from *Raffles* and smartly played by James Simmons, presents behaviour appropriate to dashing turn-of-the-century gentlemen. Leonard's capital error lies in what he does with his Moriarty who re-enters London life with a face changed beyond recognition.

If Holmes was never the same after his experience at Reichenbach, the same is even more the case with his great antagonist. The actor who plays him is required to base his performance on the performance he gives in another role, but save for some clawing fingers and a grimace at any mention of a good deed.

### Jeremy Kingston

there is precious little sense of the great evil brain of the original. As the great detective Geoffrey Palmer's dyspeptic expression and infuriating air of certainty serve the character well enough.

The principal crime is plotted with some conviction, and David Gilmour's production gives opportunity to Martin Johns to design the inevitable consulting room, a foggy Waterloo Bridge, the crypt in an ancient grange and a den in Limehouse. But the play, which has not succeeded with the Moriarty story, has no more success with the jokey spoof tone of the ordinary dialogue.

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## CONCERT

**Roberto Sierra**  
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To some extent they were rewarded. Sierra is, as Ligeti has been maintaining, a fantastic machine for making polyrhythmic play with the folk-music of the Caribbean, and the combination of whirling abstract speculation with the urgent body language of simple ostinatos is certainly distinctive. However, to come to Sierra through Ligeti is perhaps unwise: one tends to value most those pieces which are less Afro-Hispanic and more Austro-Hungarian, such as the outer movements of the new *Tres inventos* for piano, dynamically projected by Yvar Mikhashoff, and then to undervalue those same pieces for being merely imitative.

On the other hand, Sierra in folk vein can alarmingly recall

the oft-repeated sultry phrases and the unfocused exuberance of Villa-Lobos: the concert began with a Lorca setting, *Devir Rosita*, which was evocatively sung by the fresh-voiced Sara Stowe with wind quintet accompaniment directed by James Wood, but which could almost have been *Backlash* or *puertorricanos No 1*. Moreover, it is hard to know quite what Sierra means by bringing forward banal little tidily-om-poon vocalises in his *Cantos populares*, sung by Mr Wood's New London Chamber Choir. They sound just plain silly, but the building of elaborate structures upon them argues against their being taken as autodestructive jokes. And there is other evidence too, in Sierra's harmony, that detail is expected to take care of itself if the mechanism is in order.

But there are very few such problems in the *Concierto nocturno* for amplified harpsichord and mixed quintet, which was given an intense performance with Elisabeth Chojnacka as soloist, and which throbbed and raced with tropical life.

Paul Griffiths

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## B-movie doomwatch

Peter Ackroyd reviews this factional work of po-faced futurology which wants to make our flesh creep

The title says it all, of course: this is a book to frighten you. Those of a superstitious cast of mind, however, might in some ways be reassured by an analysis that predicts the imminent collapse of the Western economic system — on the grounds that the thing most feared is that which never in fact occurs. But there is a less sanguine school of thought which, taking its evidence from pathology as much as from economics, suggests that fear of a disease may itself provoke that disease. A book of this kind, then, could be dangerous.

Certainly it is not without incident. Written from the vantage point of an historian in the 21st century, it explains how the last decade of our own century was marked by economic failure and by interminable conflict: rising unemployment and increasing inflation render ordinary democratic government untenable, and as a result the Western world is faced with the choice of anarchy or authoritarianism. Japan collapses; America becomes an arena for racial and civil war; the separate nations of Europe, dazed by the spectres of poverty, homelessness, and unemployment, turn to a new strong man, Olaf D. Le Rith, who under the aegis of a "European First Movement" creates a multinational police state.

And now the good news. There has been no epidemic of Aids, at least not in the West, and the threat of nuclear extinction seems to have receded — those who enjoy apocalyptic romances may be upset by these strange omissions (nuclear war has been the greatest boon to the novelist since the days of Gothic horror), but there is still more than enough melodrama to be getting on with. In this account of future shock there are any number of eleven hours, midnight bells, whirlwinds, and smouldering volcanoes. There are even "momentous forces" working beneath the "tranquil surface", which suggests that, although the authors' grasp of economics may be very sure, their grasp of the language is perhaps a little less certain. But although the prospect of urban terrorism, tribal warfare, civil anarchy, and economic collapse may be explained by an impressive array of

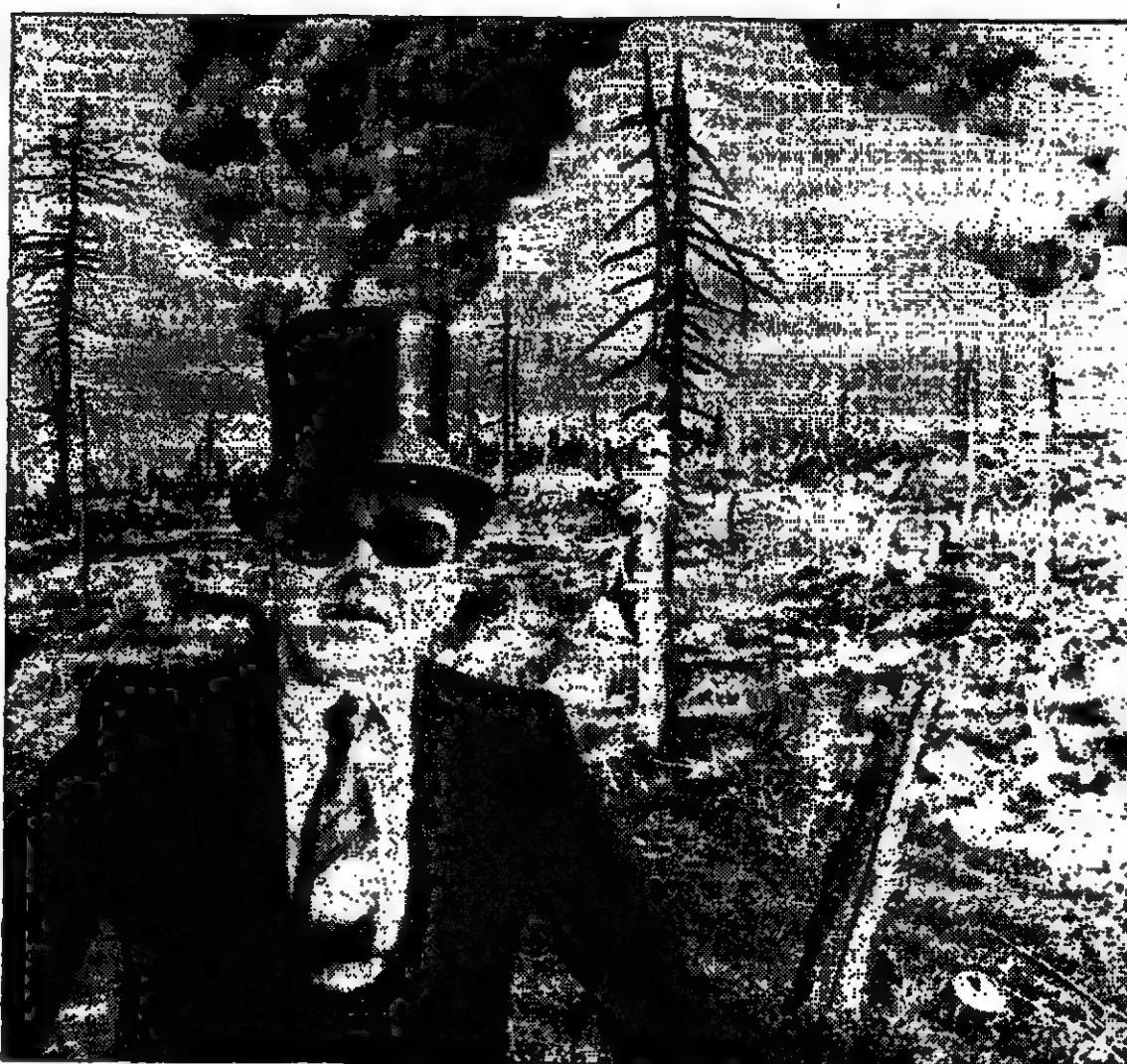
**APOCALYPSE 2000**  
Economic Breakdown and  
The Suicide of Democracy,  
1989-2000

By Peter Jay and Michael  
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statistical projections, the essential images are drawn from bad American films of the 70s and early 80s. This is economic theory as a B-movie. Yet the melodramatic tone does have at least one useful function: it imparts the most important although no doubt inadvertent lesson of the book by emphasizing that, despite the political and economic determinism which *Apocalypse 2000* represents, the major forces in the world are irrational and perhaps even inexplicable.

If this book really has been written in the future, it is clear that there has been no improvement in English prose. The narrative might have been written by a statistician with only a sporadic sense of humour, and the forays into fiction are not a success. It is a mistake to employ a garrulous Cockney cab-driver as an example of local colour — "Law an' flippin' order? Wot does that mean?" — and it is difficult to believe in "an eccentric Texan billionaire called Wildcat 'Gusher' Hunk". Similarly the rise of the European dictator, Le Rith, is hard to credit; his career could really only make sense in a mass paperback "thriller". And that of course is the problem: the poverty of imagination here suggests that the authors have only an uncertain grasp of the world beyond economic theory.

In any case their general speculations hover somewhere between Orwellian fancy and Malthusian fact, as if they were not sure whether to fabricate an interesting story or to deliver an accurate polemic. As a result they have provided an unsatisfactory and unpalatable blend of both, in a manner strongly reminiscent of that form of journalistic fiction which masquerades in the more bulky Sunday newspapers under the names of "Insight" or



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"Daylight" — a pot-pourri of reported conversations, instant analyses, and sketchy character portraits.

Predictions are in any case notoriously unreliable — still within living memory are the endless forecasts of the demise of the Labour Party after Foot, and the demise of the Republican Party under Nixon. Such prophecies are forgotten as soon as they are proved to be false (especially by those who made them in the first place), but it is difficult to attend to long-term prognostications when the short-term varieties are so notoriously unreliable.

Of course books of this kind are not really about the future at all. Like those of Malthus and Buckminster Fuller — to pick the twin poles of

pessimistic and optimistic "forward planning" — such accounts really only tell us about the contemporary world from which they spring. So it is that *Apocalypse 2000* seems to stem largely from an unease about the present government's economic policies, and comes close to being a "doomsday scenario" written by two disaffected socialists: "The failure of the existing political system to provide people with the minimum amount of economic security" is the essential message here, but there is scarcely any mention of the "Third World" or of the Communist nations. To leave Eastern Europe out of an account about the rise of a European strong man seems, on the face of it, rather strange.

This in turn suggests that the authors have not properly completed their sums — thus giving rise to the impression that they came to their melodramatic conclusions first before trying to find a scenario which must justify them. Whatever their methods, however, their tone cannot help but seem misplaced or misdirected: what is surprising in the history of the West is not cataclysm or apocalypse, but rather the permanence of the human community. Of course this is a situation less easy to describe or to celebrate: it is not conducive to melodrama, or even drama. But it is the essential and salient fact. There is one other salient fact, as well: it is generally the unexpected that actually happens.

## Plot thin but jolly jokes

## FICTION

John Nicholson

**DIRK GENTLY'S  
HOLISTIC DETEC-  
TIVE AGENCY**  
By Douglas Adams  
Heinemann, £9.95

**PEOPLE FOR  
LUNCH**  
By Georgina Hamrick  
Methuen, £9.95

**DARA**  
By Patrick Besson  
Translated by Nicole  
Irving  
Hamish Hamilton, £10.95

First, a terrible confession: I never actually read *The Hitchhiker's Guide To The Galaxy*. Possessed, it, yes. Dipped into it, certainly, and rather enjoyed the bits I read. Clever chap, Douglas Adams. I thought: witty, too, and capable of stringing words together very fetchingly. And yet, somehow I couldn't raise sufficient ground speed to achieve full literary lift-off.

Now, replete after four bites at the galactic cherry, Mr Adams has returned to earth for his latest assault on the best-seller lists. That's not to say that he has abandoned SF altogether. One of the leading characters in *Dirk Gently's Holistic Detective Agency* has a time machine. But of course he would, being Cambridge's Regius Professor of Chronology. Earnest Californian Eng. Lit. majors will probably interpret this as homage to one of the genre's founding fathers, or perhaps as a legacy from Douglas Adams's stint as Script Editor of *Dr Who*. More cynical readers may see it as a *deus ex machina* device without which the author would have been hard-pressed to bring his book to a conclusion, but only if they have failed to succumb to its not inconsiderable charms.

First impressions are not encouraging. A cloying cover note confides that Mr Adams lives in Islington with a lady barrister and an Apple Macintosh. At least one piece of information here is surplus to requirements, and Mr Adams compounds his hubris by telling us in a special Author's Note that he not only wrote but actually *typeset* his own book, with a little help from the less animate of his co-habitees. Nemesis duly follows, of course, in the shape of some particularly irritating typos for which the author must presumably accept all the blame.

Thus purged of pomposity, Mr Adams gets about entertaining us. This is something he is very good at. His humour is unmistakably British, in its fondness for animals, anachronisms, and the absurd. DGHDA does have a plot, I suppose, and Mr Adams occasionally recalls that novels are supposed to have convincing characters. Neither can hold his attention for long, though. He never allows the action to become so absorbing that it can't be interrupted by the musings of a horse — especially if the horse spends its days underneath an Electric Monk who believes everything he (it?) hears. No respecter of psychological consistency, the author gives his characters licence to behave exactly as they please. Nor does he feel under any obligation to bring to heel all the hares he starts. Following a tradition which stretches from Sterne to Wodehouse, what signifies most here is the quality of the writing, the

asides and allusions, and — above all — the jokes. Mr Adams scores very high on all counts. But I'm afraid a fantasy as endearingly dotty as this has no more chance of becoming an international best-seller than, say, a book about bunnies in Berkshire. Georgina Hamrick is someone who might well buy a book about Berkshire bunnies, since she writes the Gardening Column for *Books Magazine* from her home in neighbouring Wiltshire. More to the point, she also writes poetry and remarkably fine short stories, a first collection of which is published this week. Although some of the themes in *People for Lunch* are old favourites (class, premature widowhood, schoolgirl crushes, the Generation Gap), they acquire fresh life in her skillful and original tales. Other subjects are more offbeat: a woman's humiliation at the hands of her gynaecologist, or the improbable passion of an elderly dentist for one of his young patients. Miss Hamrick is at her best when writing about family life, and least convincing when she veers towards fantasy. All in all, however, a most accomplished prose debut and one which I hope hints at longer things to come.

Patrick Besson's *Dara* is another "first" — for an English translation of a book by one of France's most highly-rated young writers. Winner of the 1985 Grand Prix of the French Academy, it tells the story of a Yugoslav emigrée who comes to Paris shortly after World War Two. Besson makes an unusual but not really extraordinary woman into an enigma by continually changing the narrative voice. It does not require great perspicacity to realize that we all have a variety of personae, depending upon who is describing us. English readers may be irritated by *Dara's* unnecessary complexity. There is however much fascinating historical detail in Besson's description of wartime Zagreb and post-war Milan and Paris, as well as some pleasantly exotic variations on the *Jules et Jim* theme.

## Gulag of the forest

Andrew Sinclair

**AMAZON FRONTIER**  
The Defeat of the  
Brazilian Indians  
By John Hemming  
Macmillan, £19.95

John Hemming has chronicled the conquest of the Indians of South America in his masterly *Red Gold*. His *Amazon Frontier* takes up the tale of the defeat of the natives of Brazil from the time that their false liberty was proclaimed in 1755 up to this century. Freed from the theocratic control of the Jesuit missions, which alone seemed capable of converting tribes such as the Guarani from forest hunters to agricultural labourers, the Indians were delivered into the hands of slavers, torturers, rapists, exploiters, and exterminators in the name of progress. The usual answer to the Indian occupation of land that might be settled was clearance by smallpox, measles, syphilis, muskets, and starvation. The noble few who tried to protect or civilize those Indian tribes who surrendered could halt their decimation

only for a few years. If a tribe wished to survive, it had to plunge deeper into the forest, where game and wild fruit and herbs provided a better way of living than rotting with disease and forced labour and hopelessness in a regroupment area.

With wide research and an admirable grasp of narrative, John Hemming records a melancholy and inexorable history of man's inhumanity to men. Most shocking is the arrogance of the Europeans, their presumption of Indian inferiority, when the tribes were far more capable of living in the forests than they were. Only when they met a fierce and handsome plains tribe such as the Guaiquiri, who had taken to the horse and gun like the North Ameri-

can Apaches, did fear engender a sort of respect. Yet even the Guaiquiri were devastated and emasculated.

Detached massacre has given way to concern, but only among the few in Brazil. We begin to care at last for those that we have forced to lose.

*Amazon Frontier* will be the classic work on the destruction of the Brazilian tribes. Its relentless and fair presentation of detail, its repetitious counterpoint of Indian guilt and European deceit, where brief resistance is followed by extermination or subjugation, give the book the quality of a Gulag of the trees, a holocaust of the woods, in which Caliban is forever worsted by a greedy Prospero, who will never leave the Amazon to its dwellers. There is no reason on earth further to deplete the resources and peoples of the last great forest: even the rubber monopoly and boom of Victorian times was ended by a British act of agricultural espionage, which used Kew Gardens as the seedbed of future Asian rubber plantations. But we know only now, or seem to know, that we must preserve our ecology and those who live best in it by respecting it. John Hemming writes of the tragedy of the Amazon frontier from the benefit of hindsight. Yet it is not less sad. Millions have died, a way of life is dying, the forest recedes; and we still have learned too little and too late.

## Hunt the mot juste

Kenneth Robinson

**ROGET'S THESAURUS OF ENGLISH WORDS AND PHRASES**  
Edited by Betty Kirkpatrick  
Longman, £11.95

Who was Roget? In the 150th anniversary edition of his *Thesaurus*, its new editor, Betty Kirkpatrick, writes about him.

Dr Peter Roget, she says, was never a literary man, but for his work in medicine and science this "shadowy figure" was accepted by London's "intellectual circles".

Crises, did she say? I needed to refer to the *Thesaurus* immediately. But although I got a fairly good picture of Dr Roget as shadowy, unbragging, confused, fuzzy, blurry, looming or half-fit, using, as advised, my "instinctive tact", I found no mention at all of those crises.

So who were London's "intellectual circles"? Were they, perhaps, the top brains of Crickwood? Or is it possible that such an illustrious work has been marred by a printers' error (*error, fluff, miff, goof, siff, bloop, or bludge*)?

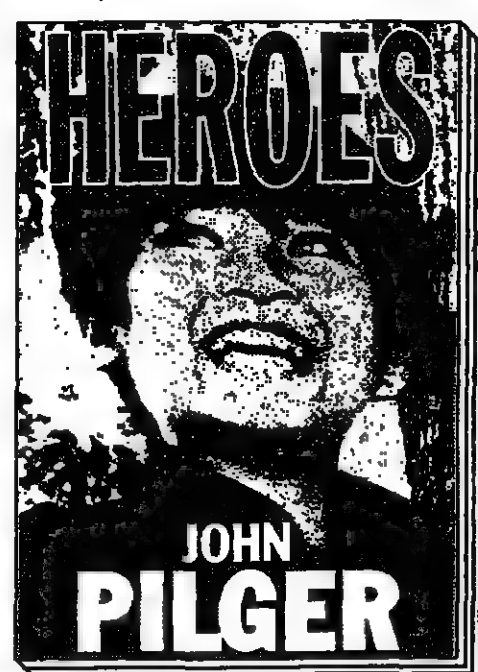
Dr Roget would have been distressed by this possibility because, as he said in his 1852 preface, "a misnomer has been known to turn the tide of popular opinion." But so far, 30 million copies of his *Thesaurus* have been sold and it seems unlikely that his fans would turn against him, simply because he was once accused of consorting with intellectual crises.

Especially just at the moment, when his new editor has asked us to imagine a computerized multi-lingual *Thesaurus* in every home. This, she says, could greatly assist Roget's plan for international understanding, and might even help to bring about his dream of a "golden age of union and harmony".

Until now I have never taken Roget as seriously as that. I have merely dipped for fun into successive editions of his work, learning about American words like *didos* and *grip-sacks*; "Scotticisms" such as *smeddum*, *thrapple*, *stot*, *osh*, and *versh*, and some recent British inventions I find rather attractive — *single* and *hunc*.

This is all very entertaining, but when it comes to handling unfamiliar words myself I am

greater international understanding. It is too risky of error (*boo-boo*). But not all boo-boos are a bad idea. As Roget's *Thesaurus* continues to promise help "to those who are painfully groping" (*bumbling, fumbling or stumbling*), a whole new generation of them will be harmlessly misled by that printers' boo-boo in the revised preface. They will surely be inspired by the hope that they, too, might one day be accepted by London's intellectual circles. And that they might even become crises themselves.



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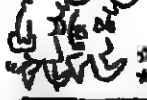
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THEATRE  
LONDON

★ **AN INSPECTOR CALLS** Tom Baker and Pauline Jameson in Priestley's evergreen about guilt among the gentry.  
Fresno Theatre, Palace Theatre, SW1 (01-834 0283). Tube: Victoria. Tues-Fri 7.45-10.15pm, Sat 7.15-10.45pm, Sun 2.30-5pm, Sat 5.30-7.30pm, 25-£11.50.

★ **BARTHOLOMEW FAIR** Ben Jonson's comedy comes up for new laughs in this production.  
Open Air Theatre, Inner Circle, Regents Park NW1 (01-486 2431). Tube: Regents Park. Sat 7.30pm. Preview 7.45-10.15pm. Mat Sat 2.30-5pm, 24-£10.

★ **BLUES IN THE NIGHT** Debby Bishop, Maria Friedman, Carol Woods sing their hearts out in a sassy Chicago style.  
Donmar Warehouse, 41 Earlham Street WC2 (01-240 8230). Tube: Covent Garden. Tues-Sun 8.30pm. Sat 11-12.30pm. Tues-Thurs 7.50-11.30pm, Fri-Sun 7.50-11.30pm.

★ **JENNINGS' EAR** New Comedy Hughes play sends a punt into the chaos of Central America.  
Royal Court Theatre, Sloane Square SW1 (01-730 1745). Tube: Sloane Square. Mon-Sat 8pm, Mat Sat 4pm, Mon 4.45 until July 5. Other evenings 24-£10, Mat 24-£5.

★ **MISS JULIE** Ingmar Bergman's superb production for the Royal National Theatre (Lyttelton), South Bank, SE1 (01-928 2252). Tube: Waterloo. Tonight, 7.45-9.45pm, 25-£15.

★ **MURDERER** Off-Broadway musical set in a convent.  
Fortune Theatre, Russell Street, WC2 (01-836 2238). Tube: Covent Garden. Mon-Sat 8pm, Sat 8.30-10.30pm, Tues-Sat 3pm, Sat 5pm, 25-£15.50.

★ **ROMEO AND JULIET** Stan Beahm and Niamh Cusack are the young lovers in Michael Bogdanov's production.  
Barbican Theatre, Barbican Centre, EC2 (01-628 8735). Tube: Barbican/Moorgate. Tonight, 7.30pm, 25-£15.50.

★ **ROSECRANTZ AND GUILDENSTERN ARE DEAD** TV's Olsson Boys play R and G, with Lionel Blair as the Player King.  
Aldwych Theatre, Aldwych, WC2 (01-437 4506). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Sat 8-10pm, Tues 7.30pm, Wed 8-10pm, Sat 4-6pm, 25-£15.50.

★ **A SMALL FAMILY BUSINESS** New Alan Ayckbourn comedy, is honestly the commercially best policy.  
National Theatre (Olivier), South Bank, SE1 (01-928 2252). Tube: Waterloo. Today, 2pm, 1.15pm, Mat 2.50-£8.50, eve 25-£13.

★ **SARCOPHAGUS** By the Science Editor of *Pravda*, a play about Chernobyl. Whatever else, welcome evidence of concern.  
PR Theatre, Barbican Centre, EC2 (01-628 8735). Tube:

Barbican/Moorgate, 7.30pm, 25-£15.50.

★ **UP ON THE ROOF** Three plays - 1975, 1980, 1985 - down Memory Lane as five students learn the ups, downs and co-opts of adult life. Clever performances.  
Apollo Theatre, Shaftesbury Avenue W1 (01-437 2883). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Thurs 8.10.45pm, Fri and Sat 8.30-11.15pm, Mat Fri and Sat 5-7.45pm, Tues-Thurs and Mat 24-£11.50, Fri and Sat 24-£12.50.

★ **WOMAN IN MIND** Polgar Ayckbourn drama with Pauline Collins as a wife at her wit's end.  
Vaudeville Theatre, Strand, WC2 (01-486 9887). Tel: 01-240 7200. Tube: Charing Cross. Mon-Fri 8.10.15pm, Sat 8.30-10.45pm, Mat Wed 2.30-4.45pm and Sat 5-7.15pm, 25-£12.50.

★ **YERMA** Juliet Stevenson plays the childless heroine in Lorca's starkest tragedy.  
National Theatre (Cottesloe), South Bank, SE1 (01-928 2252). Tube: Waterloo. Tonight at 7.30pm, 27.

★ **LONG RUNNERS** ★ The *Bushman* at Murder Mystery Theatre (01-428 3038). ... ★ *Cats*: New London Theatre (01-405 0072). ... ★ *Chorus*: Adelphi Theatre (01-734 8551). ... ★ *Don't Drink the Water*: Royal Court Theatre (01-836 0108/9). ... ★ *Les Misérables*: Palace Theatre (01-434 0809). ... ★ *The Mousetrap*: St Martin's Theatre (01-538 1433). ... ★ *No Sex Please, We're British*: Duchess Theatre (01-538 8243). ... ★ *Phantom of the Opera*: Her Majesty's Theatre (01-836 3218). ... ★ *Starlight Express*: Adelphi Theatre (01-428 3038). ... ★ *Shogun*: Duke of York's Theatre (01-438 5122).

## OUT OF TOWN

BATH: ★ *Portraits* Interesting new William Douglas-Home play with Keith Michell as Augustus John and Simon Ward playing three of his sitters (Montgomery, Matthew Goniwe, Cecil Beaton).  
Theatre Royal, Bath, BA1 (0225 65065). Mon, Tues and Wed 7.30pm, Thurs, Fri and Sat 8pm. Mat Wed 2.30pm and Sat 4.30pm. 25-£10.50 evenings; Mat Wed 2.50-£4.50, Mat Sat 25.

CAMBRIDGE: ★ *Footlights* Reviews: End-of-year farbs.  
Arts Theatre, Peas Hill, Cambridge. Mon-Sat 8pm. Mat Sat 8pm. Sat 4.30pm, 25 eve, 44 mat.

LEICESTER: ★ *The Mask of Mystery*: Hugh Leonard's spoof thriller pits Holmes against his old adversary. A hit at the Dublin Festival.  
Haymarket Theatre, Belgrave Gate, Leicester (0533 53979). Mon-Thurs 7.30pm, Fri and Sat 8pm. Mat Sat 2.30-5pm, 25-£10.50, eve 25-£13.

LIVERPOOL: ★ *Scapillato*: The crazy world of the lady opera, written by Phil Redmond, the deviser of *Brookside*, and acted by some of the lady opera's finest.  
Pierhead Theatre, Williamson Square, Liverpool (051-709 8363). Mon-Sat 8pm, 25-£10.50.

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Best selling books for the week ending June 13.

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9 The Fisher King, Anthony Powell	Seagull	£3.95	

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A change of address used to be feared as a certain way of hastening the end of a run, but *The House of Cards* has proved a different story. Several years ago and still functions as an effective tourist-bait. *No Sex Please*, now drawing to the end of its 16-year run, has also changed theatres twice. The latest play to follow suit is *Breaking the Code*, Hugh Whitmore's acclaimed drama about Alan Turing (above right), the homosexual computer genius who helped to crack the enemy cipher but broke his own country's moral code. After its eight-month run, packing audiences into the

Haymarket Theatre, the play has moved round the corner to the Comedy. The change of theatre coincides with a change of leading actor. Derek Jacobi, handing on the torch to John Cusack (left, with Isabel Dean), seems here most recently on television playing the lead in *Last Empires*. J.B. Priestley's music hall serial, *Breaking the Code* continues to be one of the few serious dramas in the West End and the move seems unlikely to threaten its future. Comedy Theatre, Panton Street, SW1 (01-930 2578). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Sat, 8.10.30pm, 24-£13.50. *Jeremy Kingston*

★ **ROCK** Jacob Street Studios, Mill Street, London, SE1 (booking at Ticketmaster, 01-379 4444). 7.30-9.30pm, 25-£7.

★ **TALES OF OFFICER FINE** Darrall's first adaptation for the Scottish Ballet of Offenbach's work. Theatre Royal at the Tyne Theatre, Pym Street, Newcastle (091 232 2061). 7.30-10pm, 24-£12.

★ **DUBBLE SPOOR**: A play based on Samuel Beckett's work by Denis Prosser, a talented collective of dancer-choreographers from Ireland. The Place, Duke of Road, London, WC1 (01-387 0031) 8-9.30pm, 25.

★ **OPERA** ★ **MANON**: Rudolf Noelle strips away all romantic preconceptions in his new staging of Massenet's work, conducted by Jeffrey Tate and with Julie Mogens in the title role. Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London WC2 (01-240 1066). 7.10.30pm, 25-£42.

★ **ORPHEUS IN THE UNDERWORLD**: Gerard Corley's designs bring Offenbach's classic to grotesque new life, as David Pountney's production rolls on, largely unchanged in its casting and, indeed, its popularity. English National Opera, Coliseum, St. Martin's Lane, London WC2 (01-626 3161). 7.30-10.30pm, 22-£18.50.

★ **CARMEN**: Mariana Clomita takes the title role tonight in Glyndebourne's successful revival of Sir Peter Hall's production. Glyndebourne, 10 Dean Street, London W1 (01-439 8722). 9.30pm, 25.

★ **TONY SCOTT**: Perpetual US clarinetist appears with the line drummer Clifford Jarvis. Plaza Express, 10 Dean Street, London W1 (01-439 8722). 9.30pm, 25.

★ **DANCE** ★ **SACRE DU PRINTEMPS**: James Kudakka's production for Les Grands Ballets Canadiens of George Balanchine's April and the Spring. Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London WC2 (01-240 1066). 7.30-10.30pm, 25-£42.

★ **COMBATANT**: The voices of the Continental Resistance, directed by David Mason at the fortissimo, sang quartets by Schubert, ballads by Loewe, and recitatives by young painter Claire Smith. The Gallery, Downstairs, York Street, Bury (0282-21986). Mon-Sat 8.10.30pm, 24-£4.50.

★ **CONCERTS** ★ **DAVID PHILHARMONIA**: Andrew Davis conducts the Philharmonia Orchestra in Rossini's *Il Signor Bruschino* Overture, Rachmaninov's Piano Concerto No 3 (Karely Moseley, soloist) and Holst's *The Planets*. Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 8800). 7.30-10.40pm, 25-£12.

★ **COPLAND/BRITTEN**: Members of the London Sinfonietta, Finchley, conduct the star of Bloomsbury Book. Auctions 393-loc today, includes series of Shakespeare's plays "never before printed in folio", according to the cover. This is perhaps a 300-year-old case of media-hype, as all but *Pericles* have since been ascribed to other playwrights. The folio is expected to fetch £7,000 to £10,000. The sale rooms are at 3 & 4 Hardwick Street, London EC1 (833-2636/7) and the auction begins at 11am.

PH 10.30pm, Sat 10.45pm, Sun 2.45pm, free, until June 30.

★ **CONTEMPORARY ART AND CONTEMPORARY MUSIC**: Artists examine the myths built around modern art by the surrealism of the popular Press. Cornerhouse, 20 Oxford Street, Manchester (061-228 7821). Tues-Sun 12.30pm, free, until Aug 2.

★ **WINIFRED NICHOLSON (1883-1981)**: 60 restrained paintings of domestic subjects and of the landscape in Cumbria, where this modernist lived. Tate Gallery, Millbank, London SW1 (01-821 1313). Mon-Sat 10.50am, Sun 2.50pm, free, until August 2.

★ **HENRY MOORE AND LANDSCAPE**: 33 sculptures in bronze and fibreglass beautifully sited in an ornamental landscape in the Farnham Estate, West Berkshire, nr Wakefield (0924-85302). Only 10.50pm, free, until August 31.

★ **WILL WOODROW**: New sculptures by a salvage expert, one of whose earlier works was a guitar cut from an old washing machine. Lisson Gallery, 67 Lisson Street, London NW1 (01-252 1528). Tues-Sat 10.30am, Sat 10.10pm, free, until Saturday.

★ **THE FAMOUS SQUARE MILE**: Meet St. Paul's tube, 11am, 22.50. 18th EAST END MURDER: Meet Tower Hill tube, 2pm, 22.50.

★ **A GHOST WALK**: Meet St. Paul's tube, 7.30pm, 22.50.

★ **RECOGNITION CANAL**: Meet Angel tube, 6.30pm, voluntary donations to the Inland Waterways Association.

★ **HIDDEN LONDON OF ST. JAMES'S**: EMBANKMENT AND COVENT GARDEN: Meet Green Park tube, 11am, 22.75.

★ **SHALERS' HIDDEN ALLEY**: Meet Aldgate tube, 11am, 23.

★ **MEDIEVAL CANTERBURY**: Meet tourist centre, 10.30am and 1.30pm, 21.25.

★ **OTHER EVENTS** ★ **THE RIVER MELA**: Weather permitting, lunchtime talks, workshops and performances by Indian folk musicians from Kerala, singing, story-telling and Bengali masked dance performance this evening. Jubilee Gardens (junction), South Bank, London SE1 (tel 0777). 12.45pm-2pm, 240 seats.

★ **YORKSHIRE FESTIVAL OF DANCE**: Chorus and dancers perform a new work for voices and dancers written by Duncan Fraser, directed by Richard Brindley. Ripon Cathedral, Ripon, North Yorkshire. Festival box office (0785 701100), 7pm, 23.

★ **THREE COUNTRIES SHOW**: Last day of this major agricultural show. Parade of animals 2.10pm followed by trotting event, heavy agricultural musical drive, presentation of the Herd of Flock Awards, Cotswold Roundabout and parade of horses at 4.10pm. - the motorcycle grass races - starts 6.10pm. Full refreshments, housed up.

★ **Three Counties Showground**, Malvern, Worcestershire (0684 892751). 8am-8pm. Before 2pm admission 10p, after 2pm 25p, 25-£12.50.

★ **MADE IN LONDON SERIES**: Nothing But the Best, the satirical story of an upstart movie clerk in the swinging Sixties, starring Alan Bates, David Llewellyn, Museum of London, London W1, London EC2 (01-600 3699), 6.10pm, 21.20.

★ **CONTEMPORARY MUSIC**: Lecture by Michael Rosenthal of the University of Warwick. Tate Gallery, Core Auditorium, Millbank, London SW1 (01-821 1313). 1pm, free.

★ **SIMON DREW**: The Dartmouth artist and author talks about his work. Reading Matters, 7 Fore Street, Chudleigh (0628 852030). 8.30pm, 14d.

★ **BRITISH AND AMERICAN POP ART PRINTS**: Works by Peter Blake, Patrick Caulfield, Hockney, Kitz, Lichtenstein, Warhol and others, showing diversity of expression by Pop artists. Until Sunday. Tate Gallery, Millbank, London SW1 (01-831 1313).

★ **ART FOR ART**: Works donated by Howard Hodgkin, Tony Cragg, Bruce McLean and others, to be sold at benefit auction for the gallery at Sotheby's on July 1. Until Sunday. Whitechapel Art Gallery, Whitechapel High Street, London E1 (01-377 0107).

★ **THEATRE**: Jeremy Kingston: Films: Geoff Burrow: Concerts: Max Harrison: Opera: Hilary Fink: Books: David Sinclair: Jazz: Richard Williams: Dance: John Percival: Galleries: David Lee: Walks and Events: Judy Froshauer: Bookings: Anne Whitehouse.

## ENTERTAINMENTS

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## TELEVISION AND RADIO

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## BBC1

6.00 **Cee-fax AM**.  
6.35 **The Pink Panther Show**. Three cartoons (R). 6.55 **Weather**.  
7.00 **Breakfast Time** presented by Frank Bough, Sally Magnusson and Jeremy Paxman. News and international news at 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, and 8.30. Regional news and travel updates at 7.15, 7.45 and 8.15.  
8.40 **Advice Shop**. In the last of the series, Margot MacDonnell updates the stories featured in previous programmes.  
8.55 **Regional news and weather**.  
9.00 **News and weather**.  
9.05 **Dailies** (r). 9.50 **Cartoon**.  
10.00 **News and weather**. 10.05 **Neighbours** (r).  
10.25 **Children's BBC** with Philip Schofield. 10.30 **Play School**.  
10.50 **Cricket: Second Test**. Live coverage of today's play between England and Pakistan in the Cornhill Insurance Test Series. Richie Benaud and Ray Illingworth are the commentators. Includes news and weather at 10.35 and 12.00.  
12.55 **Regional News and weather**.  
1.00 **One O'Clock News** with Martin Linn.  
1.25 **Neighbours**. The Robinsons have two reasons to celebrate.  
1.50 **Pinky's House** Animated film by Oliver Postgate (r).  
1.55 **Brac-a-Brac** (r).  
2.05 **Royal Ascot**. Live coverage of two races: The Cork and Orrery Stakes at 2.30 and The Norfolk Stakes at 3.00. As it is Ladies Day, Eva Pollard will be commenting on the fashions.  
3.40 **Cartoon**. 3.50 **Law on Five**. Slapstick comedy with Floella Benjamin (r). 4.10 **The Adventures of Spot** as told by Paul Nicholas. 4.15 **The Kwiky Koolha Show** (r). 4.35 **Silas**. First of a 12-part serial set at the end of the last century about the adventures of a circus child who runs away.  
5.00 **Newsround**. 5.05 **Blue Peter**. (Ceefax). 5.30 **Go For It** Robbie Vincent and Angharad Mair check up on the Myers family. Have they managed to overcome their passion for sweets and snacks?  
6.00 **Six O'Clock News** with Sue Lawley and Nicholas Witchell.  
6.35 **London Plus**.  
7.00 **Top of the Pops** introduced by Gary Davies includes Curiosity Killed the Cat, Samantha Fox and Tom Jones.  
7.30 **EastEnders**. Den is in a dilemma; and Lorry disappears (Ceefax).  
8.00 **Tomorrow's World** at Large looks at the musician of the future. Amateur pop singer Howard Stabford investigates what electronic techniques are doing to music. (Ceefax) (See Choice).  
8.30 **Don't Wait Up**. Tom is feeling low so Toby tries to cheer him up. Sit-com starring Tony Britton and Nigel Havers as the father and son doctors (r) (Ceefax).  
9.00 **Nine O'Clock News** with Martin Lewis and Philip Hayton.  
9.30 **Crimewatch UK** with Nick Ross and Sue Cook, asks viewers to help solve and prevent crime. Tonight's programme features reconstructions of a sexual assault on a Sheffield housewife and the murder of a salesman from Aberdeen.  
10.10 **Question Time**. Debate between members of the public and members of parliament about what the new government should make its first priority. Chaired by Sir Robin Day.  
11.10 **Crimewatch Update**. Developments and reminders.  
11.20 **The Royal International Horse Show** from Birmingham featuring the Daily Mail Cup. Introduced by David Vine; Raymond Brooks-Ward and Stephen Hadley are the commentators.  
12.10 **Weather and close**.

## BBC2

6.55 **Open University**.  
9.00 **Daytime on Two**: Deciphering codes 9.37 **Cee-fax** 11.00 **At the Seaside** 11.18 **Fertilisation** 11.40 **James is my Brother** 12.12 **Cee-fax** 12.45 **A-Level Biology** 1.05 **Cee-fax**.  
1.35 **Cricket: Second Test**. Pakistan v England. Live coverage of the first day's play in the Cornhill Insurance Test Series.  
2.00 **News and weather**.  
2.02 **Water** (r) 2.17 **Music Time** (r).  
2.35 **Cricket: Racing and Tennis**. Further coverage from Lord's Cricket Ground. Racing from Royal Ascot with the Gold Cup race at 3.45 and The Ribblesdale Stakes at 4.20. Barry Davies introduces Ladies International Tennis from Eastbourne. Martina Navratilova and Chris Evert are among those competing in the Pickering Glass Ladies Championship. Includes News and weather at 3.00 and 4.00.  
6.15 **Film: Murder Ahoy** (b/w 1964) Agatha Christie whodunnit starring Margaret Rutherford and Lionel Jeffries. Miss Marple investigates a murder aboard a

naval cadet training ship. Directed by George Pollock.  
7.48 **Royal Ascot**. Highlights of Ladies' Day including The Gold Cup race.  
8.05 **The Celts**. Frank Delaney examines the legacy of the Celts and argues their is more than a souvenir culture. (Ceefax).  
9.00 **The Travel Show**. Paul Haines presents news and information of 'attainable' rather than exotic holidays. This week's programme features a resort on Corti, a honeymoon spent on a barge on an Oxford canal plus travel tips and reports on weather and road conditions in Britain and on the Continent.  
9.30 **Cardiff Singer of the World**. Third of the preliminary rounds.  
10.10 **World Cup Rugby**. Highlights of the third and fourth place decider game between Wales and Australia.  
10.40 **Newsnight**. 11.25 **Weather**.  
11.30 **Cricket: Second Test**. Richie Benaud introduces highlights of the day's play.  
12.00 **Weekend Outlook**. 12.05 **Open University**. Ends at 12.35.

## BBC1

6.00 **Wales Today** 6.35 **7.00** **Gardening Together** 7.15 **12.15** **News**. weather and close. 8.00 **10.30** **Wales Today** 10.55 **11.00** **Domestic** 11.30 **12.00** **Wales Today** 12.30 **12.45** **Wales Today** 1.00 **1.15** **Wales Today** 1.30 **1.45** **Wales Today** 1.55 **2.00** **Wales Today** 2.15 **2.30** **Wales Today** 2.45 **3.00** **Wales Today** 3.15 **3.30** **Wales Today** 3.45 **4.00** **Wales Today** 4.15 **4.30** **Wales Today** 4.45 **5.00** **Wales Today** 5.15 **5.30** **Wales Today** 5.45 **6.00** **Wales Today** 6.15 **6.30** **Wales Today** 6.45 **7.00** **Wales Today** 7.15 **7.30** **Wales Today** 7.45 **8.00** **Wales Today** 8.15 **8.30** **Wales Today** 8.45 **9.00** **Wales Today** 9.15 **9.30** **Wales Today** 9.45 **10.00** **Wales Today** 10.15 **10.30** **Wales Today** 10.45 **11.00** **Wales Today** 11.15 **11.30** **Wales Today** 11.45 **12.00** **Wales Today** 12.15 **12.30** **Wales Today** 12.45 **1.00** **1.15** **Wales Today** 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## STOCK MARKET

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## THE POUND

US dollar  
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1,800 for  
first time

Share prices passed the 1,800 mark for the first time yesterday as investors continued to draw strength from the Conservatives' election win.

The FT index of 30 shares ended the day 7.2 points higher at a record 1,801.7, having been 10.8 up. The index has now risen by 114.8 points since Mrs Thatcher called the general election on May 11. The broader FT-SE 100 index also rose by 11.4 to 2,320.4.

Dealers reported selective buying of leading shares, helped by better-than-expected figures from British Gas.

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## JW rise

Disposals of undisclosed stakes in companies which had been possible bid targets for John Waddington, the packaging, printing and games group, generated extra profits of £712,000 in the year to April 4. Total sales rose 34 per cent to £131.7 million, profits 90 per cent to £12.225 million, and the dividend is to be increased from 5.09p a share to 6p.

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## Salvensen up

Christian Salvensen, the food processing and distribution group with additional interests in industrial and marine concerns, has reported a pretax profit of £42 million (£38.8 million) for the year ended March, and expects further profits growth this year. The total dividend is 3.625p a share (3.25p) for the year.

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## SUMMARY

## STOCK MARKETS

New York	2411.90 (+4.55)
Dow Jones	25929.42 (+190.58)
Nikkei	25929.42 (+190.58)
Hong Kong	3178.82 (+7.74)
Hang Seng	288.52 (+3.2)
Amsterdam	1802.9 (-6.0)
Sydney	1802.9 (-6.0)
Frankfurt	Market Closed
Brussels	4671.8 (+3.3)
Paris	414.5 (-2.7)
Zurich	527.60 (+5.30)
London	1801.7 (+7.2)
FT 100	2320.4 (+11.4)
FT 30	1801.7 (+7.2)
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## MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISES:	
Courtauld	496p (+21p)
BOD Group	489p (+18p)
Cookson Group	794p (+25p)
Reed Intl	529p (+41p)
Rea Brothers	130p (+37p)
Countryside Props	1130p (+150p)
Derrind	180p (+29p)
Airtel	705p (+30p)
Associated Book	651p (+21p)
A & C Black	701p (+33p)
Costs Vella	150p (+35p)
Headlam Sims	775p (+30p)
Asda Property	915p (+35p)
Cardiff Property	468p (+37p)
Marine Devs	

FALLS:	
Magnet Southern	348p (-20p)
Oxford Inst	388p (-27p)
British Aerospace	533p (-21p)

Prices are as at 4pm

## INTEREST RATES

London Bank Base	9%
3-month Interbank	8 1/4%-8 1/2%
3-month eligible bills	8 1/4%-8 1/2%
buying rate	
US Prime Rate	8 1/2%
Federal Funds	6 1/4%
3-month Treasury Bills	5.66-5.64%
30-year bonds	103 1/2-103 1/4%

## CURRENCIES

London:	New York:
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£ Index 73.0	\$ Index 101.9
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## GOLD

London Fixing:	
AM \$48.25 pm \$45.25	
close \$452.00-452.50 (\$276.25-276.75)	
New York:	
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## NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (July) pm \$19.00bbl (\$18.85)	
Denotes latest trading price	

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## Planned price cuts exceed pricing formula requirements

£684m profits  
at British Gas

By David Young, Energy Correspondent

British Gas ended its first financial year in the private sector with profits higher than expected, £684 million cash in the bank, and an announcement of cuts in gas prices far in excess of requirements under the Government's gas-pricing formula.

In addition, the company has paid back £750 million of the £2.5 billion debt imposed on it by the Government from reserves after only four months in the private sector.

After-tax profits on an historic cost basis were £806 million (£720 million); £575 million (£402 million) on a current cost basis and have been calculated at £684 million (£559 million) for a full year in the private sector on a pro forma basis. The results cover a financial year in which British Gas spent only the last four months as a private company.

The cuts in gas tariffs for the domestic consumer mean that a typical London family will pay £13.20p a year less on its gas bill.

The full-year figures show that even with turnover down 1 per cent to £7.6 billion, the operating profit was up 46 per cent on a current cost basis to £1,005 million, and on an historic cost basis, up 24 per cent to £1,293 million.

If the figures were adjusted to reflect a full-year's interest charges, the results would show an increase in pretax profits of 60 per cent and a 65 per cent increase in earnings. The results delighted the City. Analysts are now forecasting even better figures for next year as British Gas enjoys continued benefits of lower world oil prices, cutting its gas

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costs. Some analysts, however, are predicting that 1989 will provide a more realistic picture of the company's true value.

Sir Denis Rooke, the chairman, who steered the company from the public to the private sector, also made it clear that British Gas intends to move back into exploration.

It had been ordered to sell off its North Sea oil portfolio by the Government, as well as its ownership of the Wytch Farm on-shore field, in Dor-

set, the country's largest on-shore oil project.

British Gas has kept together much of the exploration team that built up these assets - the offshore assets provided the basis for the Government-created Enterprise Oil - and its executives are anxious to move back into the sector.

Sir Denis said: "The results represent a considerable achievement for the company in a particularly difficult year. This success is due to the company's strong marketing approach, its tight control of costs and its commitment to careful planning, so that we are able to respond positively to uncertainties in the business and physical environment."

"Now that we are free of the constraints of public sector status we shall have the opportunity to move into new areas of activity."

"We shall, therefore, be ready to expand into new areas of profitable business when we identify attractive opportunities, and our strong balance sheet puts us in a good position to move quickly when the time is right."



Sir Denis, the Gas chairman: 'a considerable achievement'

Lawson plays  
down fears on  
credit growth

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor, said last night that the strong growth of credit in the economy gave no cause for alarm and did not point to a resurgence of inflationary pressure.

Mr Lawson, in a speech to the Finance Houses Association annual dinner, also rejected the idea of a re-introduction of credit controls to rein back borrowing.

Such controls, he said, were now an "ineffective weapon" and their only effect would be to impose damaging distortions without influencing monetary conditions.

The Chancellor said private borrowing had increased as public borrowing had fallen. The increase in private borrowing, he suggested, was due to rising home ownership, the strength of corporate investment, and the removal of hire purchase and other controls.

Consumer credit as commonly understood represented only 15 per cent of personal sector debt, he said, and within this less than 5 per cent of debt was credit card borrowing.

"The fact is that many people use their credit cards simply as charge cards, as a convenient means of payment," he said.

The Chancellor said one serious cause for concern was the higher incidence of repayment difficulties among borrowers. But, he said, only 0.3 per cent of building society loans ran into arrears problems last year, and there were signs that the problem was easing slightly.

The responsibility for ensuring a continued improvement in this area lay with both borrowers and lenders, Mr Lawson told the association.

"I see no reason at present to be alarmed at the growth of private borrowing in this country," Mr Lawson concluded. "You can be sure that the Government will be monitoring the position constantly, and will act to contain any inflationary pressures that might emerge."

Mr Ray Hazlehurst, chairman of the Finance Houses Association, said his association will introduce a code of practice within the next month. The code will include the setting-up of an independent arbitration scheme to deal with consumers' complaints.

The Chancellor welcomed the code of practice. Mr Hazlehurst said he saw it as a way of enabling consumers to recognize those organizations which were responsible lenders and those which were not.

CBI plans new radical role  
in drive for industry success

By Edward Townsend, Industrial Correspondent

The Confederation of British Industry is starting a radical course in which government policies are left largely unchallenged and business takes a more positive role in promoting economic success.

A strategy for the 1990s, drawn up by Mr John Banham, the CBI's new director-general, says: "The result of the general election gives us a period of stability. It is no longer necessary to fight battles that have been won."

Members agreed there was a need to be positive. They did not want to be part of a "whingeing" organization but one that offered direct solutions to problems that must be removed for increased prosperity.

Mr Banham's priorities - calling for action on subjects ranging from education to inner cities - clearly reflect his hope of increasing CBI membership and influence.

Some leading CBI mem-

bers, however, expressed concern at yesterday's policy-making council meeting that such a radical change of direction was dangerous.

Mr Banham's prediction that "there should be less need to challenge broad government policy with which members are generally in sympathy" produced vociferous disagreement.

The CBI director-general, in a statement after the meeting, said: "It was said there will remain areas of policy where the CBI will fall out with the Government and members were challenging the view that all our battles are over."

"The CBI will need to continue to broaden its focus, putting forward solutions to tomorrow's problems, and persuading its members to take action to improve their management performance."

Mr Banham, a former head of the Government's Audit Commission, added it was

important the CBI retain its "political lobbying clout".

The strategy document is to be reviewed and presented to the council by Mr Banham for final approval on July 29.

A key element of his strategy is starting high-level task forces along the lines of the CBI's City-industry group, chaired by Sir David Nickson, the CBI president. Chairmen and chief executives would serve on the task forces.

Mr Banham's seven-point strategy calls for business and government action to reform secondary education; establish closer links with higher education; improve skills training; attract private funding into public infrastructure projects; encourage more investment in research and development; counter the high cost of housing in the South-east; and to encourage Whitehall, local councils and the public sector to "think British".

## ABP goes to Thomson

By Joe Joseph

The remarkable buying fever that has been sweeping the publishing industry over recent months reached a new pitch yesterday when International Thomson Organisation emerged as the mystery suitor of Associated Book Publishers, with an agreed takeover bid valuing ABP at a dizzy £210 million.

The victory by the Canadian publishing, travelling, and energy group in a keenly contested auction capped two weeks of speculation, which began when ABP announced it had received a bid approach.

Mr Michael Turner, deputy

chairman and managing director of ABP, said yesterday: "For us it's the best possible result, in that International Thomson will give us the backing for the development that we have already planned."

ABP, which embraces Methuen, Routledge &amp; Kegan Paul, and Eyre &amp; Spottiswoode, was expected to fetch around £100 million to £150 million, and its shares were 273p.

But as the rumoured list of would-be bidders swelled, ABP's share price ballooned, jumping another 40p yesterday to 715p.

The initial approach was received by Westover Nominees, a Bahamas company representing the interests of the Crosthwaite Eyre family trust, which controls 35.5 per cent of ABP's ordinary shares.

Thomson secured around 36 per cent of ABP on Tuesday at its cash offer price of 730p. The shares were thought to be the holding of the Eyre family trust. After the ABP board agreed to vote its 1 per cent holding, and recommended the offer, Thomson picked up 4.13 million shares in the market yesterday.

## Oxford earnings 'will fall'

By Michael Tate

Profits at the Oxford Instruments Group will fall this year, Mr Barrie Marson, the chairman, predicted yesterday. Sales of X-ray scanners, which use Oxford's magnetic resonance systems, continue to slide, he said, and will not pick up until the industry produces a cheaper product, which could take another 18 months.

However, the company also revealed it had completed a deal that could lead to sales of between £500 million and £1 billion in the 1990s. It has developed a small-scale electron storage ring, which permits the production of semi-conductors in large quantities.

WPP boost  
in takeover

The WPP Group's bid for JWT Group, the US advertising and public relations company, received an encouraging boost yesterday when JWT said that it was prepared to consider a higher offer from WPP. Discussions have opened between the parties' advisers - Morgan Stanley for JWT and the First Boston Corporation for WPP.

WPP has already put on the table a \$460 million (£281.5 million), or \$45 a share, offer. However, on Tuesday it said that it would be prepared to increase this to \$515 million, subject to certain conditions.

In August.

Oxford needs something to look forward to, its profits for the year to end-March were a disappointment at £19.7 million against an adjusted £18.4 million previously, on a turnover of £100 million. Earnings were 27.4p against 23p last year.

The stock market's disappointment was reflected in a 27p share price fall to 398p.

Interim  
£72m  
for tunnel

Eurotunnel yesterday announced a £72.5 million interim financing agreement with a group of 10 banks and institutions to fund the Channel tunnel until the £750 million public share issue in the last quarter of this year.

It will take the form of a loan facility in French francs and sterling, which will be repaid from the proceeds of the public share offering.

M André Benard and Mr Alastair Morton, co-chairmen of Eurotunnel, said: "This interim financing provides working capital for the company to maintain momentum to the end of 1987."

The French banks providing the financing are Banque Indosuez, Banque Nationale de Paris and Crédit Lyonnais, Caisse Nationale de Crédit Agricole and Caisse de Dépôts et Consignations. The British banks are Midland, Robert Fleming, Morgan Grenfell and SG Warburg. Belgamanche, a Belgian institution jointly owned by Société Générale de Belgique and Société Nationale d'Investissement, is also included in the deal.

US growth  
boosted 4.8%From Our Correspondent  
Washington

The US economy grew by a robust 4.8 per cent in the first quarter on expanded exports which pushed growth to the highest level in three years.

Government officials said the gross national product's higher-than-anticipated boost was due largely to a narrowing of the record trade deficit. The first-quarter figures compared with 1.1 per cent growth in the final quarter of last year.

Inflation, however, increased sharply as expected to 4.2 per cent, against a 0.7 per cent increase in the final quarter of 1986. Officials predict inflation of about 4.4 per cent for the year.

Few economists, however, expect growth to remain as robust for the year, despite signs that the economy is rebounding in response to the lower dollar.

Congress bid to close  
'insider' loopholes

From Bailey Morris, Washington

The US Congress yesterday proposed the first legal definition of insider trading violations to provide the investment community and investigators with a better system to prosecute offenders.

Two senior Senate members introduced the controversial legislation as the Reagan Administration announced it had found a candidate to succeed Mr John Shad as the chairman of the Securities and Exchange Commission.

He is Mr David Ruder, a law professor who is known for his conservative approach to securities issues. The former dean of the Northwestern University Law School is active in the securities section of the American Bar Association and has written extensively on investment-related issues.

The White House has been searching for a successor to Mr

Shad since March but has been rebuffed by several well-known officials.

The Bill introduced yesterday by Senator Alfonse D'Amato of New York and Senator Donald Riegle of Michigan, was designed to clarify existing law and close loopholes.

The legislation would make it illegal to either receive or pass on private information related to securities trading, even if an individual did not use it for personal gain.

The Bill strengthens existing laws by stating that illegal insider trading constitutes the misappropriation or theft of confidential information which affects shares prices.

Both senators are members of the securities Subcommittee which has responded to requests from the SEC and law enforcement officers to clarify existing law.

## Names must reach decision on £135m PCW formula

## Lloyd's faces a test of nerves

By Our City Staff

It has come down to a test of nerves at Lloyd's, as the deadline nears for those underwriting names entangled in the PCW scandal to decide whether they will give their blessing to the £135 million formula drawn up by the insurance market to end the damaging affair.

With just one day left for names to accept the settlement proposals, those at the heart of the scandal - which has been described by Mr Peter Miller, the market's chairman, as "one of the most shameful episodes in the history of Lloyd's" - still cannot be sure how the dice will fall.

The worst-hit victims face a bill of more than £340,000. As those names most out of pocket quibble about the calculations, and threaten to take their grievances to the courts unless Lloyd's comes up with better terms, the final stages of the negotiations have become a game of bluff and counter-bluff.

"I think people who can afford to pay will pay," says one affected name, who prefers not to be identified. "But those

who are accepting are not doing so with a smile and a 'thank you'."

"I, for one, am fed up with the whole thing and want to get on with my life. It's a combination of being able to afford what they want me to pay, and being fed up with the whole thing and not being willing to litigate here, there and everywhere all over the world - even though I feel the case could be won."

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This name, a lawyer, feels Lloyd's will try to reach a settlement with those names who choose to take the case to court. "But it will take a year, two years, three years. I, for one, haven't got the time."

Sir Ian Morrow, chairman of Additional Underwriting Agencies (No 3), a company set up to protect the interests of names tied up in the PCW syndicates, has always recommended the offer.

"The main worry, for some people, is how they could raise the money," says Sir Ian. "From that point of view the

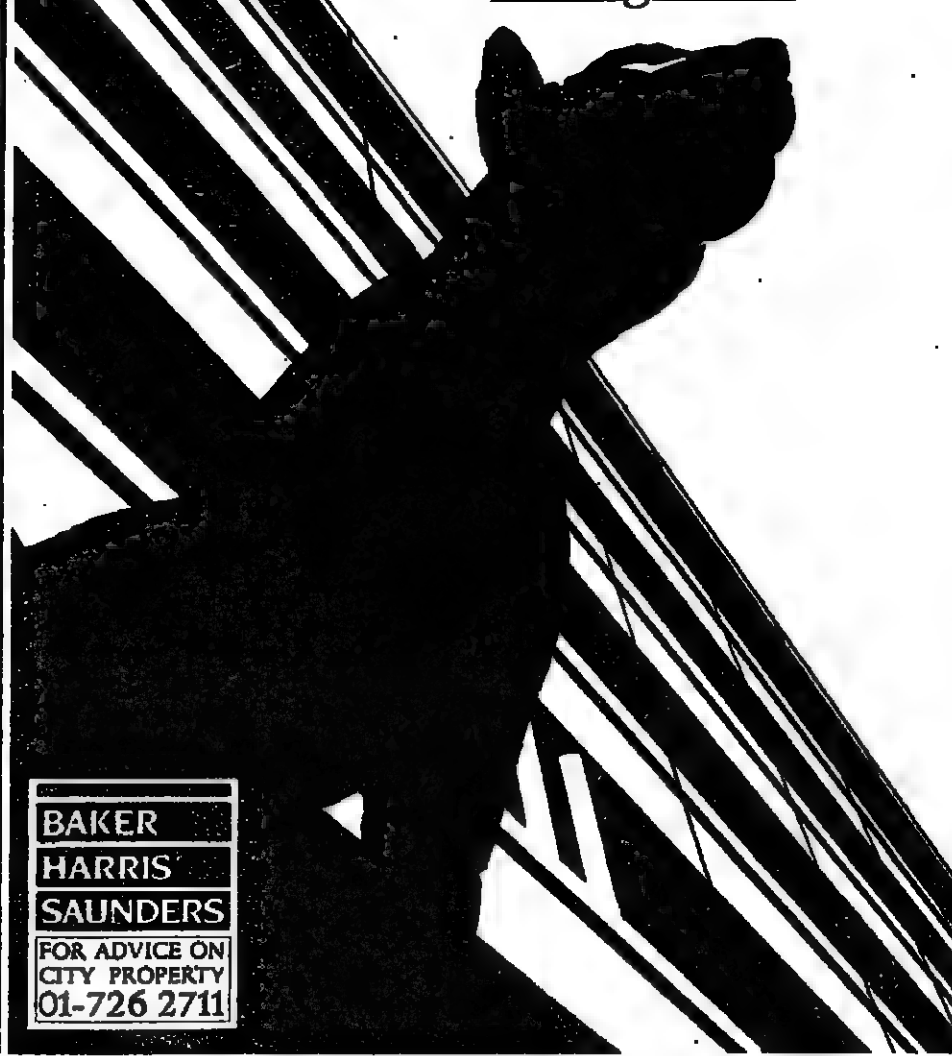
scheme has been well accepted."

Except, that is, by some members of the PCW 1985 Committee, which speaks for 450 of the hardest-hit victims of the non-marine syndicates.

Many of them feel they have been given too little time to evaluate the proposals. They are unhappy with the way their obligations have been calculated, and complain that the dollar's fall against sterling has produced a windfall gain for the syndicates because most of the losses stem from US claims. This, they say, should lessen the final bill for the names.

"My feeling is that we have been so defrauded that we should not have to pay anything," says Mr Gerard Wright, QC, a name with substantial liabilities under the settlement terms. He will not be assenting to the Lloyd's offer tomorrow. "I am willing to pay something to get shot of the whole affair and get back to a normal life. But being asked to pay what I am being asked to pay is unfair and quite disproportionate to what is needed to meet the losses."

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# Public spending key to tax cuts and Tory third term

By Rodney Lord  
Economics Editor

The Thatcher Government's relationship with public spending has been a long process of aligning aspiration with reality. This week, a new Chief Secretary to the Treasury, Mr John Major, took over as the Government's spending supremo. He has many of the necessary qualities for this impossible job, including determination, capacity for detail and wide political sympathies.

In setting out his strategy for the third Thatcher term, Mr Major will in some ways have an easier task than his predecessors. The starting point must continue to be the need for a gradual reduction in spending as a proportion of GDP so that the burden of taxation can go on being reduced.

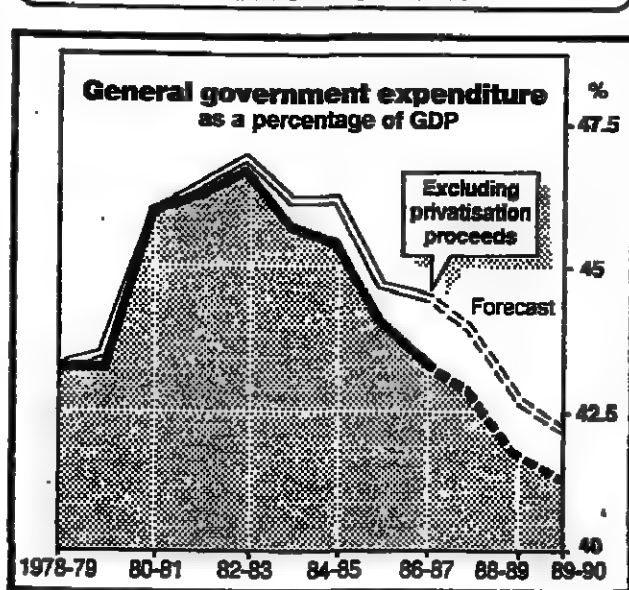
But he will not be faced with the task of also helping to find room for reductions in the level of government borrowing. As Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor, made clear in the Budget, the public sector borrowing requirement, at 1 per cent of GDP, is now stable at a level where it will not add to the stock of debt as a proportion of the economy even when inflation has dropped to zero.

Pressures will build up when the stream of privatization proceeds starts drying up. But that looks to be a problem for Mr Major's successor. Water and electricity privatization alone could raise £20 billion and there is another £10 billion of minority holdings in BT and BP. Looking ahead, privatization of steel, parts of coal and possibly Rover are not out of the question.

Against this, the longer public spending is held below the rate of growth in the economy the more difficult it is to continue doing so. Finding reductions becomes more difficult as the easier options are exhausted, and at the same time, the pressure for increases builds up.

Public sector workers push

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for pay rises to catch up with the private sector. A widening gap between private affluence and a slower rate of improvement in public services multiplies calls for more public investment. And as people grow richer the demand for certain services, provided by the public sector — particularly health and education — tends to grow disproportionately faster.

This year, the task of sticking to the public spending totals set out in the January White Paper, while difficult, does not look impossible. Mr Major inherits a planning total for next year of £154.2 billion before any subsequent adjustments. Additions to this of about £1 billion have been agreed during the run-up to the election, including £400 million extra for nurses' pay, £100 million for the European Airbus and £300 million for housing benefit to cover the 20 per cent of poll tax the poorest will now not have to pay.

Included in the planning total is a reserve of £5.3 billion, part of which can be allocated to finance increases in programmes, but the Treasury would be unwise to cut the reserve by more than £2 billion to £3.3 billion — the figure included in the present

year's plans. If £1 billion extra has been agreed, another £1 billion is left to cover all the other bids from departments which will be landing on the Chief Secretary's desk.

These are certain to include powerful calls for extra spending on the inner cities and the Health Service, given Tory vulnerability on these issues during the election campaign. Pledges for more urban development corporations and the establishment of housing action trusts are likely to require additional funds, while a strong case will be made for upgrading the 1 per cent real-term increase in health spending next year to something nearer this year's 2 per cent. Education and defence will probably also be bidders.

Local authority spending, a perpetual problem, may be easier to handle after the big increase in provisions made for the present year. Next year, when political pressures to keep rates down will be at their weakest, is the time to reduce the proportion of local spending funded by government grants — a higher level of local funding must increase local accountability, which is the only satisfactory way of controlling local authority spending. Capital spending by

the local authorities, which has been difficult to control, is made easier by higher house prices and bigger receipts from the sale of council homes.

Some of these bids for extra spending could in principle be accommodated by offsetting cuts elsewhere, but the lesson of past surveys is that ambition always runs a very long way ahead of performance when it comes to achieving reductions in public spending.

In a purely arithmetic sense it would also be possible to make the books balance by increasing privatization proceeds since these count as negative expenditure.

There remains the problem, if public spending can be kept to a declining percentage of GDP in the medium term, of how to match this falling trend to rising expectations.

The only way of performing the conjuring trick is to obtain more out of what goes in. There are several ways of doing this. One is by simply improving management systems as those provided by the Financial Management Initiative has at least focused public sector managers' minds more on costs while a modest experiment has been made with incentive payments in the civil service, but there is a long way to go.

Another priority is to extend the principle of charging for public services. If customers will not buy services such as those provided by Government laboratories or tourist agencies, it is a fair bet that they are not worth providing or at least would be more efficiently provided in the private sector. Contracting out provides a way of switching to the market sector while still retaining full control of the service by the State and has much further to go not only in local government but also in defence, the health service and education.

None of these changes will come about without long-term planning and a careful musing of political support.

The best time to start is the beginning of a new Parliament.

## Property company springs a surprise

By John Bell, City Editor

Countryside Properties, one of the prime beneficiaries of the South-east housing boom, surprised the City with interim profits more than trebled to £4.2 million. Mr Alan Cherry, the chairman, says the sharp advance arose from a continuation of soundly based business strategies. But he admits that Countryside's operations are very much in the right place at the right time.

Half-year profits topped the record £4.151 million for the whole of the previous financial year. Housebuilding contributed £4.4 million of the £5.3 million gross profit before overhead expenses. Countryside offers shareholders no comparative profit figures, but in turnover the residential side grew by 50 per cent in the half-year. This indicates that a considerable part of the surge in profits was due to higher prices in the London suburbs.

Commercial division profits made a contribution of £809,000, to gross profits, considerably higher than last year, though no comparisons are available.

With the share price up 97p yesterday to 1130p, the board has decided on a one-for-three scrip issue which will make the price more manageable for small investors. Shareholders are to receive an interim dividend of 0.63p per share, up 12 per cent on last year.

Prospects for the future look attractive. "The company has entered a new phase in its growth and the results for the first half-year are an indication of this," said Mr Cherry in his interim statement. Full-year profits are expected to show a "substantial" improvement on last year's record. Analysts were yesterday pencilling in £8 million to £10 million.

The group's mix of high-quality residential building, commercial and industrial development, with a growing investment portfolio, is almost all based in the eastern sector of the south-east region, where Mr Cherry expects economic growth to be among the highest in Britain for some time.

The influence of the M25 motorway, the development of London's docklands and the expansion of Stansted Airport are factors that provide Countryside with prospects for considerable growth. Another bull point? Countryside arises from the new Government's determination to tackle housing problems.

## COMMENT Kenneth Fleet

# The vital questions for Lloyd's waverers

Lloyd's of London is being even more secretive than usual over the progress of its offers for a final solution to the PCW affair, which has blighted public perceptions of the world's leading insurance market and the personal lives of many names for so long. It appears, though, that as tomorrow's deadline approaches, the tide of opinion inside the market is running swiftly in favour of the view that sufficient acceptances will be in hand to allow the rescue to proceed. In a single afternoon this week, well over £2 million of the £34 million which names have to put up as their part of the rescue package poured in. On that basis, Lloyd's ruling council may even be able to announce tomorrow that something close to the crucial 90 per cent backing from names has been safely gathered in.

The waverers and those still determined to refuse the offer should at this eleventh hour ask themselves two vital questions. First, is there a realistic chance of forcing better terms? And second, what are the consequences of holding out to pursue justice through the courts?

Under the Lloyd's scheme a name with gross liabilities of £1.4 million is being asked for £240,000, which after tax reliefs would effectively be reduced further to around £120,000. In arriving at this position, Lloyd's itself has agreed to stump up £48 million initially, and to

take on the chin any deterioration in the liabilities which may or may not accrue over time. The variability of the eventual outcome, which will not be capable of definitive assessment for years, looks considerable. Even in the few weeks between the announcement of the rescue plan in April and the end of May it emerged that the reinsurance arrangements which were a basic plank of the proposals were by no means as secure as they were thought to be. Liabilities may be perhaps £40 million greater than was calculated originally. Is it at all likely that the third parties putting up £55 million towards the solution would agree to dig yet deeper into their pockets? Would Lloyd's?

The market authorities have already undertaken a course that is deeply unfavourable to those names fortunate enough to have avoided involvement with the fraudsters who milked the PCW syndicates of £40 million. Many hardliners feel that the basic Lloyd's principle of unlimited liability has been strained to breaking point already.

Holding out means endless litigation with no guarantee of eventual satisfaction. More immediately, though, it is by no means certain that Lloyd's would forever continue to provide support in matters such as solvency tests, should a tiny minority opt to refuse the rescue package.

## Safeguarding our secrets

No one wore a bigger smile on Asco's opening day than Sir Ernest Harrison, prime mover and chairman of Rascal Electronics. Sir Ernest is rarely less than ebullient about his business and his optimism is not often misplaced. Naturally, it is the few occasions when his forecasts of better things — usually concerning Rascal's American activities — have not been fulfilled that the doubters, detractors and bears remember.

It is true that Rascal's radio communications and data communications businesses have performed unevenly but the really significant fact about Rascal is the farsightedness of its strategic development. Milgo Incorporated (data communications) has travelled a rocky road since Rascal acquired it but the acquisitions of Decca (defence radar and avionics and marine and energy electronics) and Chubb (security) and the successful incursion into cellular radio (Rascal-Vodafone) have given Rascal a broader business base, new technological and growth dimensions and an improved quality of earnings. None of this is an accident — a fact that became universally recognised recently when Lord Weinstock actually spoke to Sir Ernest Harrison.

Cellular radio is Rascal's main growth point: after the formative years of cash

drain, Vodafone is expected to move within the next year into a phase of substantial cash generation and within two years into substantial profit. The joint venture with Plessey, Orbitel Mobile Communications — an effort to secure a bigger share of the fast-developing market in cellular telephone equipment — shows a new confidence and an ambitious eye on the European cellular radio market which is taxiing for takeoff.

The next growth point promises to be in another area, namely security. Rascal has some excellent mathematical brains wrestling with the one of the great problems of the computer age — the security of financial and other valuable data processed and transmitted by modern computing and telecommunication methods. There would appear to be no electronically processed data which expert hackers cannot access. Accessed, it may be read, or it may be altered — more likely for gain than out of mere curiosity. The value of company secrets to commercial rivals, the profit potential of an early sight of market-sensitive information, the manipulation of bank records and the scope for exploitation of data is mind-bending. If Rascal-Chubb does come up with the data lock — and Sir Ernest is his normal, confident self — bingo.

## Maxwell prepares to fight on for HBJ

Mr Robert Maxwell, chairman of the British Printing & Communication Corporation, told shareholders at the annual meeting yesterday that the rights issue announced on Tuesday was being made "because we are pledged to implement the plan to make BPC one of the world's leading information and communications businesses."

He said: "This part of the world's business will grow as

fast over the rest of this decade as it is growing at present. "If we are to benefit we must expand at least to the size I have indicated — £3 billion to £5 billion sales a year with earnings per share to match — by the end of the decade."

Mr Maxwell said the rights issue would enable the company to return to the fray and buy Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, the US publishing com-

pany, "if we can on fair and suitable terms."

He added: "We will not over-pay." Mr Maxwell, commenting on his pledge that BPC shareholders would be offered preferential treatment in a possible flotation of Mirror Group Newspapers, said: "The Mirror is a very profitable enterprise already and promises to be substantially more so."



Maxwell: "we will not over-pay" for Harcourt Brace

## Leslie Wise to take over Ladies Pride

By Michael Tate

Ladies Pride, the struggling Leicester clothing group, yesterday unveiled details of a reverse takeover deal with Leslie Wise, the unquoted London fabrics group.

Wise is to collect 20 million new shares in Ladies Pride, 70 per cent of the enlarged share capital which will be trimmed to 30.1 per cent through a placing by Kintac & Aitken & Co, the broker. Mr Leslie Wise, the Wise chairman, who expects profits of £2 million

for the year to end-September against £715,000 last time, will move into the chair.

The move comes shortly after Mr Peter Beswick, the broker, and his friends narrowly failed to win boardroom representation last month. Mr Beswick, who speaks for just over 10 per cent of the shares but has a larger following, says he is "delighted the board has been stirred into doing something".

## Amstrad system aimed at 'corporate users'

By Carol Ferguson

Amstrad, the consumer electronics company, has not finalized the price of its new personal computer range, due out this month, although Mr Alan Sugar, chairman, said yesterday it would be more expensive than the existing range.

The system should appeal mostly to corporate users, Mr Sugar said: "Some corporate users could not entertain using our existing IBM compatible range and we are now offering

them what they want."

The new machine offers enhanced graphics, higher display resolution and additional slots for expansion.

The biggest improvement, Mr Sugar said, was in the price. The computer was launched in the US earlier this month and although no immediate European introduction was planned, it is being shown at the personal computer exhibition at Olympia in London from June 30.

## Tennis is the ace day out

If you have been invited to Wimbledon next week by a company, stockbroker or bank, you must certainly be a prized client. It is the most expensive day out on the corporate entertainment calendar with the cost as high as £555 per person on men's finals day. If your invitation, however, is only for the women's final, you could have a cause to feel subbed — the cost is a cut-price £295, including lunch, champagne and centre court tickets. All in all, British industry now spends more than £50 million a year entertaining its clients, a figure that has risen at least ten-fold during the past five years. Mike Burton, once the bad boy of English rugby, who now runs his own corporate entertainment management business in Gloucester, tells me that Wimbledon and rugby internationals are still the most popular venues — with the Wales v England match the most expensive at £245. A day out at Royal Ascot costs just £125 and the British Grand Prix at Silverstone, another firm City favourite, £189. "Companies are now looking for something a little bit different and they are increasingly keen on participation sports like clay pigeon shooting and fly fishing," Burton says.

## Tall order

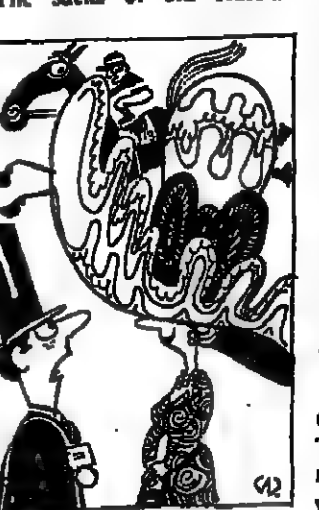
Question: What would cover the famous Wembley turf more than six times if laid end

## THE TIMES CITY DIARY

### The Wheeler dealer

For Stewart Wheeler, chairman of the I G Index, gambling is his hobby as well as business. The I G Index, which he founded 12 years ago, is essentially a licensed bookmaker to the City, offering bets on stock market indices, the price of gold and even frozen pork bellies. "It is similar to futures except whereas profits from investments are subject to capital gains tax, you don't pay tax on betting profits," Wheeler ex-

plains. Wheeler has himself just returned from the Texas Hold'em Polker Championships in Las Vegas, the world's premier poker tournament, a loser and \$10,000 poorer. "It had been a life long fantasy to take part," says Wheeler, who treated himself to the trip after inheriting £5,000 from his old friend and former company chairman, the 3rd Earl of Birkenhead, last year.



Good heavens, Horatio, the market is not as buoyant as all that

bonds deposited with accountant Price Waterhouse, administrator of the £46 million compensation fund for those who lost out in the 1917 revolution. Leslie Cousins, the partner handling the operation, says \$50,000 certificates, which arrived in battered boxes and plastic into the basement of his firm's offices near Victoria Station. Just how much the holders of the bonds will be paid is still unclear, but Cousins says he hopes to make an interim payment before the end of the year.

Contrary to our story on Tuesday, Sir Jack Lyons did not host a party at Royal Ascot yesterday, nor does he own a house nearby. We apologize for these errors.

## Floating on water

Privatizing the 10 water authorities in England and Wales will be no easy task during the third Thatcher term, but the Prime Minister appears to have found the ideal team to steer the £6 billion sell-off through — the youthful (54) and energetic Lord Belstead, the new Minister of State at the Environment Department, and Colin Moynihan, aged 31, the sports minister, son of a second baron and an Oxford rowing blue. The departmental division of labour, announced yesterday, foresees the noble Belstead in the privatization row, with Moynihan in the stern (that is what won him an Olympic silver medal after all!).

## Irish eyes

Kleinwort Grieson, the stockbroking and merchant banking group, could soon be changing its name to Kleinwort O'Griveson. Lord Donoghue, one time assistant editor of this newspaper and adviser to both Wilson and Callaghan when they were Prime Ministers, seems to have a penchant for female analysts of Irish extraction. Donoghue, now head of research and investment policy at K.G., employs at least seven as analysts, including the likes of Aoife O'Heocha in oils, Aine Kelly in food retailing and Kimlan Ford in stores. He has, however, good cause to feel frivolous — his latest book *Prime Minister* is up to third place in the best seller list.

Carol Leonard

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Bundare Inv	20p 90p	+350%
Audiotronic	4p 18p	+350%
Paul Michael	13p 58p	+346%
Hobson	10p 48p	+330%
Campari Intl	26p 107p	+311p

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# Nissan plan to increase UK content of cars

By Edward Townsend

Executives at the Japanese-owned Nissan car plant in the North-east of England are confident of boosting European content of the vehicles to more than 80 per cent because of the year's high value against the pound.

There are also hopes of building a wholly British-designed Nissan car, possibly within the next 10 years.

The exchange rate movement, which has seen the

Japanese currency rise 30 per cent against the pound, has made imported components from Japan more expensive, although the company yesterday declined to say by how much costs had risen.

Under the agreement with the Government, which is pumping £100 million into the Washington, near Sunderland, factory, Nissan Manufacturing UK must lift the level of local content from 50 to 60

per cent, reaching 80 per cent by 1990.

Local content is calculated as the price the group sells its cars to Nissan UK, the privately-owned distribution company, less the landed cost of components from Japan.

The company has brought forward the second phase of the £390 million Washington project, enabling it to qualify for the Government grant, and by 1991 will have capacity to produce 100,000 cars with Washington-built engines.

Mr Ian Gibson, the deputy managing director, said increasing demand in Britain for the Washington Bluebird cars had enabled the factory to increase production to 29,000 cars this year against a planned 24,000.

This has left the parent company in Tokyo with mixed feelings. "They are happy for us," said Mr Gibson, "but an extra 5,000 cars made here is 5,000 less exported from Japan."

The Washington company expects to produce up to 50,000 cars next year and begin exporting in 1988 to the EEC.

Any boost to local content will take the steam out of opposition, particularly from the French, to the Washington cars.

**ADSPRUNG GROUP:** Year to March 31. Total dividend 5.9p (5.4p). With figures in 2000: Turnover 24,580 (24,171). Pretax profit 1,772 (1,621). Earnings per share 4.11p (3.45p). Earnings per share 3.5p (2.4p).

**RANKS HOVIS McDONALD:** Through its US subsidiary, the company has acquired National Preserve (Carriage House Food), San Jose, California, for \$26 million (£16 million) in cash. National is a leading West Coast producer and distributor of preserves, jellies and peanut butter, with annual sales exceeding \$50 million.

**YORK TRUST GROUP:** The company has agreed to buy the remaining 65 per cent of London Commodities Futures for an initial consideration of £4.01 million and a deferred price related to profits. The board also plans to raise £5.09 million (net) by the issue of 6.1 million ordinary shares which have also been conditionally placed.

**GREATER PORTLAND ESTATES:** The company has bought 38 Finsbury Square and 33/35 Wilson Street in the City of London for £3.4 million. The company has acquired two adjoining freehold buildings.

**ANGLO UNITED:** The company is reporting for the 17 months to March 31 (compared with the previous 12 months). Total dividend 2p. With figures in 2000: Turnover 27,355 (17,229). Pretax profit 4,518 (3,345). Earnings per share 3.5p (2.4p).

**FREDERICK COOPER:** The company has conditionally agreed to acquire the London Group for £7.7 million by the issue of 1.5 million new ordinary shares. It has also agreed conditionally to buy the Wet Group for an initial consideration of £400,000 in shares.

**S&U STORES:** Dividend 2.5p (all) for the year to January 31. With figures in 2000: Turnover 37,755 (37,061). Pretax profit 1,242 (632). Earnings per share 6.24p (2.09p). The directors are optimistic that there will be a continuing improvement in profits in the current year.

**AUSTRALIA INVESTMENT TRUST:** The trust is to raise £15.8 million through a two-for-one underwritten rights issue at 135p a share. Subscribers will also receive one "A" warrant for every five new shares, exercisable at 145p a share on December 31 from 1988 to 1993.

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June 18, 1987

**M**anagement education and training is currently undergoing one of the periodic penetrating reviews that from time to time reflect a crescendo of concern about the quality and relevance of the facilities provided, their use and the nature and extent of the involvement with ever-changing company requirements.

The current concern focuses not only on the quality of education and training but also particularly on the quantity: on the number of managers with adequate qualifications employed by organizations throughout the country, and on the amount of training provided by organizations for the further development of their managers.

If quantity is a matter of concern, it is reflected in the fact that two investigations were commissioned at the same time. One, by the Manpower Services Commission and the National Economic Development Office, resulted in Professor Charles Handy's report, *Managers in Five Countries: A New Professionalism*. The other, by the British Institute of Management and the Confederation of British Industry, produced *The Making of British Managers* from the study and the pens of Professor John Constable, a former director-general of the British Institute of Management and former principal of Cranfield Business School, and Mr R. McCormick.

Unless the recommendations of these two perceptive reports are to be ignored in post-election euphoria — or restructuring — the provision and acceptance of management qualifications and the attitude of industry to the provision of developmental training are going to be very different in the future.

The findings of both throw a

necessary spotlight on the worrying size of the gap that has developed between the British approach and that of our trade competitors. Due, many believe, to the complacency and traditional attitudes of many business school academics, and to the myopic neglect of management training by many leaders of industry.

Britain's management education is in a muddle, says Charles Handy. There is much that is good, but no consistency: it is hard for a young person to know how best to prepare himself or herself for management or for a business career. His comparisons with the United States, West Germany, France and Japan show that managers there have been educated to a higher level and many more have had the benefit of formal and systematic policies for continuing education and development. There is little doubt, he says, that Britain has neglected her managerial stock.

Yet, as Professor Constable and Mr McCormick point out, effective management is a key factor in economic growth, but 90,000 people enter management roles every year mostly with no prior formal management education and training. Compared with that number of appointments, the UK produces 12,300 people every year with an undergraduate degree, a postgraduate degree, a Diploma in Management Studies, or a Higher National Diploma in business and management studies.

This report estimates that UK managers receive an average of one day's formal training a year, the spread being very wide. All of which is totally inadequate for today's competitive conditions.

Although the two reports examine the same anatomy, it is perhaps inevitable in view of their respective background perspec-

Roy Close: Our management problems could be due to complacency and myopic neglect

## Industry's views on training executives are about to change



Dr Roy Close is chairman of the Broad Street Group and chairman of the board of the Open University Business School. He is a former director-general of the British Institute of Management

tives that the recommended solutions differ — though with some common ground.

Both want to increase the scale of education and training and both would like to see new forms of business qualification. Professor Constable and Mr McCormick propose a new Diploma in Business Administration to be taken, probably part-time, by young people during their first three to four years at work, thus providing a basic literacy in managerial subjects.

Future Master of Business Administration (MBA) programmes would be more flexible and modular in structure and integrated with work experience and career development.

Professor Handy proposes a two-part qualification scheme on a professional model. The first part would require the study of the basic subjects needed for a career in management, and a part two would concentrate on the application of these areas of knowledge and the skills of business management leading to an MBA-type qualification.

There is, of course, general recognition in both reports, evident in the careful detail of their findings and recommendations,

that the provision of new qualifications alone will not bring the desirable extensive transformation of the education, training and development of managers in the UK. Changes are required also in such things as the educational base, in the funding of management education, in the attitudes of professional bodies and educational establishments, in teacher training, and in a much closer integration of educational programmes with in-company development schemes.

In the light of the demanding changes that are seen as necessary, it is significant that both reports identify the potential contribution that can be made by one of the most imaginative recent developments — the application of modern distance teaching techniques to management education and training.

Professor Constable and Mr McCormick give the opportunities offered by these techniques more emphasis than Professor Handy; they see open and distance materials as one of the major means of expansion.

A number of teaching establishments, such as the Open Univer-

sity Business School, Henley Management College, Strathclyde University and Warwick University Business School, were quick to recognize the great value of distance teaching methods in offering high-quality education and training courses to large numbers of student managers, courses that could be taken part-time at home or at the place of work.

The positive response by individuals and companies reflects a strong unsatisfied demand and indicates the powerful part that distance teaching, properly supported, can play in changes recommended in these reports.

It is in the rapid development of the Open University Business School that the contribution of distance learning to management training on a large scale is best illustrated. Since the Open University Business School offered its first course in 1984, more than 11,000 student managers have taken one or more of the courses, and this year nearly 7,000 are taking the courses.

Students can take the courses — in effective management, finance and accounting, marketing, managing change, managing people and so on — separately or as part of

a programme leading to the University's Professional Diploma. Shortly, a programme leading to an MBA will be offered by the new School of Management.

Interestingly, more than 60 per cent of the "students", a large number sponsored by their employers, take the courses in order to improve their performance and prospects or to update their skills and knowledge. The range of managerial levels that are attracted to these methods of learning is wide: one-half of them are middle and senior managers, one-half junior.

The age range is also widely spread: 20 per cent are between 26 and 30 years; nearly 50 per cent between 31 and 40; and 20 per cent between 41 and 50. Again, students from a wide range of employer-sizes find common satisfaction in distance learning: 26 per cent come from organizations with up to 250 employees; 30 per cent from organizations of between 501 and 5,000 employees; and 30 per cent from organizations with more than 5,000.

With the growing acceptability of distance learning and the great advantages of being able to offer high-quality standard courses to

large numbers of students and practising managers in a vividly presented way (the Open University Business School courses are "multi-media" distance-taught involving television, video cassettes, audio cassettes, and written material, with tutors available throughout a wide regional network), many believe that these methods represent the greatest contribution to management education and training since the establishment of business schools themselves.

The Constable-McCormick report's strong recommendation for further support for the development of Open University Business School courses and distance learning materials is obviously warmly welcomed at the Open University. However, it remains doubtful whether the full potential contribution that these methods can make to the required expansion and restructuring of management education and training is appreciated beyond a relatively small group of convinced enthusiasts.

Thus there is a danger that the opportunity they offer will be inadequately accepted at vital stages that must follow the publication of these reports. For the next stages will be even more difficult than the careful analysis and considered proposals so far provided.

The reports have now to be considered by an appropriate body that can reconcile points of difference and produce a compatible and acceptable set of recommendations for implementation. The role and responsibility of that body, which must be carefully balanced, will be crucial.

Whatever the difficulties, and they will be many, it must conclude with a programme combining the highest positive factors from these imaginative reports. The opportunity they now provide must not be lost.

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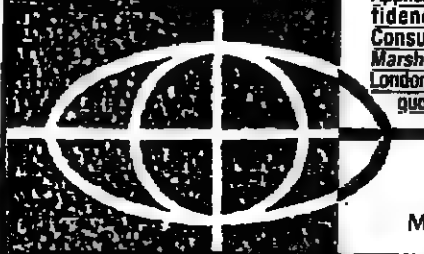
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## HORIZONS

A guide to  
career development

## When it's good to be grounded

Heathrow, one of the world's premier airports, is a pulsating day-time "town" handling up to 1,000 flights between 6am and 11pm. This year 32 million passengers will use it: 12 million will pass through Terminal 1.

Debby Bond, aged 33, is one of the duty managers working shifts. Dressed in an unflattering brown uniform, she carries a large file and a radio; she's "Bravo 1".

Her radio buzzed. A passenger, Mr Jekyll, was missing: unless he reappeared, luggage stowed aboard a flight would have to be taken off. She can give permission to hold a plane, to evacuate the terminal in an emergency — once caused by a child's wind-up toy ticking in a bag — and supervises 631 staff from porters to engineers and administrators.

Debby regards Terminal 1 as an extension to her home. "My favourite hours are after 5pm when day-time staff leave and the terminal is truly mine. Lots of people want this job," she added, noting her qualifications in business studies and personnel management and her intention to remain with British Airports Authority (BAA plc) — and "going into personnel or commercial property in the future."

BAA screened a series of evocative Biggles-to-Concorde television advertisements before the General Election plans delayed publication of privatization details. The intention was to present the public with a clear image of BAA, subdivided into limited companies responsible for seven airports — Heathrow, Gatwick, Stansted, Glasgow,

Expansion likely  
in new areas

Edinburgh, Prestwick and Aberdeen. Together they handle 75 per cent of all UK passengers (about 55 million) and 85 per cent of air cargo.

BAA is the landlord with responsibilities for ensuring safety for airlines on the ground (70 use Heathrow), security, passenger comfort and facilities to provide efficient throughput. Airlines and passengers pay dues: the company has to be profitable. BAA owns and leases shops, cafes, car parks and develops new facilities. Stansted is growing apace; Gatwick's new North Terminal will open in 1988. Privatization is expected to lead to dramatic expansion with growth into related areas, notably hotels. Rumour has it that BAA has been buying land around the airports for years.

Today, BAA staff nationally number 7,000 plus (nearly 3,700 at Heathrow), but unlike firms of similar size, the variety of jobs is incredibly wide, from engineering and bird-scaring to designing computer systems, cargo handling, commercial and financial management, marketing and public relations.

Junior entry can be by the Youth Training Schemes which cover air freight forwarding, warehousing and distribu-



Debby Bond: on the walkie-talkie

Ann Hills on the jobs an  
airport has to offer

tion and office and reception practice. Heathrow has a Job Centre which offers basic jobs and short-term summer-time vacancies throughout the airport.

The junior management training scheme, for 18 to 21-year-olds with an A-level or equivalent diploma, lasts two years. The graduate trainee scheme is for three years without the guarantee of a job at the end.

During 1987 between 15 and 20 graduates are likely to be accepted, eventually specializing in civil, electrical and electronic engineering, in quantity surveying, airport management, finance.

Liz Draper, aged 23, is a graduate trainee who found Gatwick a ready source of seasonal work as a student, not far from home in Brighton. "I started in the staff canteen, then became a clerk. My father was a pilot, and though I had fanciful ideas of following him, it is difficult to get the training and sponsorship."

Instead, with a degree in geography from Goldsmith's College, she applied for the graduate scheme and joined in October 1985, after an interview at British Airports Services. She spent the first months of the three training years doing the rounds in sections concerned with manpower and security, statistics, planning and development. On the practical front, she helped improve the signing system for onward travel at Heathrow, and "did a project on equal opportunities."

Today she's working in public relations, from offices overlooking North Terminal, under construction. She earns around £9,500. Next comes a posting to Terminal 2 at Heathrow. "Airports are dynamic: this is a young, ambitious, growing industry associated with the fascinating technology of flight."

Land-based technology is Tim Warren's sphere as manager of management information systems at Heathrow Airport Ltd, which really means conceptualizing and implementing the computer needs of this airport's numerous departments.

Aged 35, Tim has a maths degree from

Oxford and a post-graduate qualification in operational research from Sussex, but he had to learn to talk computers at ground floor level. He now heads a fast-growing team spreading machine efficiency through sectors from commercial management to press and public relations where Francis Aldridge and her colleagues are finding their technology needs under discussion.

She, however, is more concerned to keep the national press photographers and reporters happy with human subjects, from rescued hostages to Joan Collins. Frances, a former journalist, regards herself "as a bridge between management and public". As a press officer, who usually works until 8.30pm, she says: "We feel that Heathrow is a public place, and we are not in the business of avoiding press interest, but we don't comment on security. Next to Parliament and the Royals, Heathrow is the most publicized institution in the land."

Frances escorted me to the offices of Bob Young, aged 39, newly promoted business services manager for Terminal 2. "I was born two miles away and got my first job here in 1965 in the Queen's Building." He rose through the ranks and was for years manager in the cargo terminal dealing with freight forwarding.

Today, he is holding a new post, still emerging, overseeing changes from extension of the check-in to the recent opening of the self-selection Choices restaurant. He collates income from shops, examines retailing in terms of

Technology creating an  
ambitious industry

planning ahead, monitors such details as the movement of luggage trolleys and the use of covered passages (air jetties) to the airlines. His boss is the general manager of the terminal. There's variety, challenge and the likelihood of "furthering my career". The snag is that a young lad with O-levels and nothing further would find it hard to aspire to this career pattern.

Duty managers, like Debby, have a charismatic role, but the public may only realize the responsibilities in an emergency. Reg Bye, aged 45, is one of four managers on shifts at Terminal 4. "I've been at Heathrow for 21 years," he says. Now wearing four stripes and two stars on his sleeves, he is used to dealing with human beings from birth to death.

"The terminal is a bit like a doctor's surgery — we are constantly solving problems and trying to make the atmosphere as relaxed as possible. The art is to ensure there are no queues, the temperature is just right, and to tend 'meetings and greeters'. The day starts with a planning meeting on passenger loads, catering, transfer arrangements, engineering jobs in hand. Officially I work 40 hours, but I don't usually leave until the last flight, and we are always prepared for the unexpected."

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## TENNIS

# Questions and answers that should be ruled out of court

By Rex Bellamy, Tennis Correspondent

In Columbus, Ohio, an unusually large Virginian won the 1986 United States Amateur golf championship. His deeply resonant voice seemed to issue from a series of caverns. But what riveted the attention at the Press conference was the man's enormous feet. "What size shoes do you take?" I asked. "A 13½," he rumbled. "When I need a new pair of shoes, they gotta kill a real big cow."

Humour of a different brand emerged from a tennis Press conference at Forest Hills the same year. Pancho Gonzales had asked Tom Okker three times in one game and an American journalist asked Okker an interminable convoluted question about how his "innermost psyche" had been affected. Okker listened patiently, digested the question slowly, and then put the questioner down with: "Yes, I remember that. I thought, 'This guy's got a pretty good serve.'"

Cliff Drysdale used to give totally satisfying non-answers. He stroled in, dumped his rackets and towel on a chair and began: "Good afternoon, gentlemen." Then he affably talked non-stop for 10 or 15 minutes about his match, the game as a whole and anything else that came to mind. Having answered every conceivable question without giving anyone a chance to ask one, he picked up rackets and towel and ambled off with some such parting shot as "Thank you, gentlemen. Oh... were there any questions?" Inevitably, Drysdale is now a television commentator.

Bob Lutz used to be like that when wound up and switched on. The genial, ever-serene Lutz once stretched out on his back across three chairs, head on hands and gently philosophised *ad libitum* until his glassy-eyed audience began to feel like psychoanalysts.

Arthur Ashe was always good value. But there has been a change. He has been talking faster than Wojtek Fibak, who swiftly mastered English and then went at it bulld-headed.

These days tennis Press conferences are mandatory, which is to say that requested players are fined if they fail to turn up. The format tends to be predictable.

Chris Evert is exemplary. She sees every question coming, understands every nuance and implication and gives answers that suggest a future in the diplomatic service. Martina Navratilova is almost ingeniously frank and Steffi Graf is still new enough to the conference routine to enjoy it.



Any questions? Drysdale (left) answered them before they could be asked. Today Connors comes closest to Drysdale

Boris Becker could be developing into another Lutz. But nobody takes charge as Drysdale, Ashe, Fibak, Lutz and a few others used to. Jimmy Connors comes closest. Older than many of the reporters, he is usually avuncular and jolly.

Players still feeling their way with the English language are laconic but often droll. Take, for example, Miloslav Mecir. On court Mecir never looks happy, even when painting beautiful pictures. There is a similar joyless, artful quality about his Press conferences.

Mecir, beaten by Ivan Lendl in the final of the United States championship, recently had to play him again in a French semi-final. Someone asked if it would be different this time — on clay. "It depends how he plays and how I play," the poker-faced Mecir responded. Did a stiff back affect his game? "Always it is not so good when you have a stiff back as when you are fit."

Lendl won that match in Paris and Mecir was asked if Lendl could go on to win the title. Mecir jumped on the loose phrasing of the question. "I think so," he said. "He is in the final, so he can win. I can't win any more. Always you have a better chance to win if you are in the final."

I have never actually seen reporters tearing their hair out after a session with the deadpan Mecir but many must have come close. Lendl, much like Connors these days in that he is cheerfully at ease among friends, was more of a Mecir in the days when he had yet to acquire confidence in English. One memorable exchange at Monte Carlo went something like this:

"What happened, Ivan?"  
"I won."  
"Could you tell us a little more?"

"The score was 6-2, 2-6, 6-4."

"What went wrong in the second set?"

"He played better than I did."

"What do you think about playing Borg in the next round?"

"I don't think about it. He has to win another match yet, so it would be a waste of thinking."

And so on. The snag about Press conferences is that there are too many questions about tennis. Having seen the tennis, I prefer to find out how the dogs are getting on — Lendl's, Miss Navratilova's or Miss Graf's. And it was fun, a week or so ago, to feed Connors a question about beating a Hamburger. Connors was ready: "I ate a big one today."



Croquet, lovely croquet: an inter-college match in full swing on the lawns of Trinity, Oxford (Photograph: David Fleming)

## Croquet prepares to become the next boom sport

# English ritual that is bubbling with life

One of the last great rituals of the summer term at Oxford was enacted earlier this week in the gardens of Trinity College. The setting was entirely appropriate — whites, blazers, smooth lawns and, of course, champagne, courtesy of its sponsors, Laurent Perrier. Only the click of wood on wood and some gentle clapping announced that this was a sporting and not purely a social occasion, the Oxford University Croquet Cup final.

Oxford has been at the heart of the game for the last 150 years and since the dark ages of the late nineteenth century, when tennis ousted croquet from the lawns of the sporting gentry, it is appropriate that the universities should now be feeling the warmth of sponsors' money. In the boardrooms of Britain croquet has suddenly become fashionable.

Besides Laurent Perrier, L'Assale the watch manufacturers, Bombay Gin and most recently Carlsberg have all become involved in the game over the past two years. Total sponsorship for this year now amounts to almost £20,000: not big money by professional standards, but a small fortune for croquet. The reason for this sudden wealth can be summed up in one word — Image.

"Croquet is a very healthy game to get involved with," Stephen Clark, of Laurent Perrier, says. "It is very

English and very much in the image of champagne — balmy afternoons in the mid-summer."

For Laurent Perrier the university cup competitions, two of the biggest croquet competitions in the world, provided the ideal opportunity to put a toe in uncharted waters. But there is another side to it. A movement is afoot which could turn the game if not quite into the leisure option of the masses then, at least, rather less the preserve of a country-house elite. Therein lies a dilemma.

Croquet shows every sign of becoming the next snooker-type boom sport. It has similar qualities: at the top level it is a tactical game, very skillful and mentally very demanding; at a lower level it adapts well to any age and any degree of skill. According to Chris Hudson, the first full-time development officer of the Croquet Association, the number of players has increased by 40 per cent over the last two years. He estimates that there are now about 300,000 garden players and 4,000 club members. But the real question is: Will this new popularity dilute croquet's image?

Charles Townsend, managing director of Townsend Croquet Limited, one of the game's main manufacturers, and a member of the Croquet Association Council, thinks it might. "We sell most of our croquet sets in the stockbroker belt,

and not many in Rochdale. Whether one wants to break out of that stereotype is another matter.

Hudson's job is to get as many people playing croquet as possible. The quickest way to the hearts and minds of the nation, he realises, is through television. Granada and Channel 4 have both covered croquet, but a proper game can take three and a half hours to complete and its tactical subtleties and gentle meanderings do not make for gripping viewing, even in highlights.

"Croquet is not as televisable as snooker," the England captain, David Openshaw, says. "But TV is essential in getting the message of croquet across to people. Short croquet is more attractive for beginners, it is easier, quicker and makes for better television." Yes, but is it croquet? Chris Hudson is not sure. "I wouldn't want the game to change too much just to accommodate television," he says.

Whichever path leads to prosperity, Hudson is confident that the current growth in the game will continue. It is unlikely that this wave of popularity will affect the gentle air of indolence that pervades Trinity College in future years where it was once to see conventions being observed during the recent final. No sooner had play started than it began to rain. Very English.

Andrew Longmore

## GOLF

## Lyle has reasonable shot at a Californian conquest

From Mitchell Platts, Golf Correspondent, San Francisco

What surprises even Sandy Lyle as he moves into the 87th US Open, which starts at the Olympic Club today, is that he is in the right frame of mind to complete an historic triumph. Lyle started this year with the intention of giving himself a schedule that for once would enable him to prepare properly for this championship. It meant turning down lucrative offers to play in Europe in order that he could compete in three events on the US circuit leading up to the Open.

The trouble was that as Lyle left Britain, on May 26, so the news was released that he had separated from his wife, Christine. It unquestionably placed an additional psychological burden on him. So it is a tribute to his resolution that in the last three weeks he has produced two top 10 finishes to climb to thirteen place in the US money list with \$280,000 (£175,000).

"I've amazed myself," Lyle said. "The last 23 days have been among the hardest of my life. Thankfully golf is a game that helps you to block out other thoughts when you are concentrating on the fairways."

The result is that Lyle, who won the Tournament Players Championship in Florida in March, is on the threshold of a dream. He wants to emulate Tony Jacklin by winning both the British and US opens. "This is my seventh US Open and I think the best I've ever finished is around fourth," Lyle said. "But I've never felt more confident going into the championship."

Lyle's impressive record in the United States this year has increased the belief that for only

the second time since Jacklin's success in 1970 a non-American will win the title. The favourites to remove it from Ray Floyd's grasp are Severiano Ballesteros, Bernhard Langer, Greg Norman and Lyle.

The intriguing aspect, from Ballesteros's point of view, is that he could be compelled to abandon the conservative approach that he has always taken in US Open.

Too often he has appeared so intent on being in contention

let him down at Augusta in April. Norman has not won on the US Tour this season but he insists that he has now recovered from the disappointment of Augusta where, along with Ballesteros, he was beaten in a play-off by Larry Mize. "It took about six weeks, which was longer than I anticipated, to get over it but it's no longer a factor," Norman said.

There is no finer record in the major championships than that of Jack Nicklaus. He has won six US Masters, five US PGA championships, four US Open, three Open Championships and two US Amateur Championships. But he revealed that he has rarely felt more despondent with his game.

"I played last week in the Westchester Classic about as badly as I can ever remember," he said. "While I don't have any complaints about the golf course here, I do have a complaint with Jack Nicklaus. He needs a real swift kick up the backside and if I don't figure out what's wrong in the next 24 hours then I'm going to have a horrible week."

Paul Azinger, Corey Pavin and Payne Stewart are among the younger Americans regarded as real contenders but if the championship is to be retained by a home player then Ben Crenshaw, Lanny Wadkins and Tom Watson would appear to be more reliable choices.

Meanwhile, Mac O'Grady, who won the Tournament of Champions at the start of the season, suggested: "Golf is a movement of joints coordinated by the cerebellum. It's as simple as that." We will wait and see.

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## SWIMMING

## Selectors focus on juniors

By Roy Moor

Selectors will be out in force for the Scottish Championships, starting in Edinburgh today, for a final study of talent before meeting on Sunday to decide Scotland's team for the nations tournament in Antwerp (July 4 and 5) and Britain's squad for the European junior championships in Rome a fortnight later.

Particular interest will be shown in the performances of David Wilkie, making his comeback to the amateur championships in the 100m breaststroke tomorrow following his recent reinstatement by the Scots. Wilkie, the former Olympic champion and world record holder, was dropped from the 1986 team for the Commonwealth Games in Edinburgh after failing to qualify for the 100m breaststroke.

Campbell's personal best for the event this year is 64.75sec. With the events being the final qualifying trials for the European junior championships, England swimmers will be vying with the Scots for selection for Rome and figuring prominently among those from south of the border is likely to be Caroline Gable, aged 14, from Stockport, who challenges Jean Hill, the Scottish senior record holder, in the women's 100m breaststroke.

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## FOOTBALL

## Duncan is named Ipswich manager

John Duncan, the former Tottenham Hotspur forward who managed third division Chesterfield for four years, was named manager of Ipswich Town yesterday. The Scot, aged 38, signed a two-year contract at Portman Road and takes over from Bobby Ferguson, whose contract was not renewed at the end of last season when the club failed to return to the first division.

Patrick Cobbold, the Ipswich chairman, promised Duncan immediate cash to buy players. He said: "The vast majority of money received from transfers will be made available for new players."

Duncan said he aimed to give the second division side a balanced, attacking play and to return them to the first division. He added that he would retain the coaching staff employed by Ferguson. The former Ipswich manager is linked to a job with a Kuwaiti team and also with Grimsby Town.

Glenn Hoddle and his family said *au revoir* to Mark Hateley in Monte Carlo yesterday and left for the less sophisticated playgrounds on the Costa del Sol, where he will spend the next four days deciding whether he sees out the best years of his playing career at either Paris St Germain or Monaco (Clive White writes from Monte Carlo).

It seems odds-on that he will join Monaco after a final meeting with Jean-Louis Campora, the club's president, yesterday morning.

Bobby Robson, the England manager, will be pleased to hear that wherever Hoddle goes, he will be available for all competitive internationals, as will Hateley. They should also be available for most friendly internationals, though the clubs will have priority if the date clash with important domestic or European fixtures.







## Tracey pitches into centre of controversy

By John Goodbody

Dick Tracey, the outgoing Minister for Sport, yesterday joined in the controversy over Priest Hill Sports Centre, the 90-acre site in Ewell, Surrey, which *The Times* revealed this week has fallen into disrepair after being unused for five years.

Priest Hill was sold by the Inner London Education Authority to the Greater London Council in 1984 after the ILEA decided that it was uneconomic and an inefficient use of time to transport schoolchildren from London to the centre. The use of two other ILEA sports centres is under review for similar reasons.

But Mr Tracey, MP for Surbiton, which is close to Priest Hill, described this as a "smokescreen" and "an extremely insidious policy" of the ILEA. "I know headmasters in ILEA schools who have said that the end of busing children to the sports centres was a deliberate policy, since in many cases it has

effectively stopped competitive sport and effectively put an end to school teams playing each other."

Mr Tracey said he was "well aware" of Priest Hill's lack of use and was waiting for reports on the centre, which has 30 hard tennis courts, 18 football, nine rugby and eight hockey pitches, nine cricket squares, three pavilions and two houses, which have been vandalized by squatters.

"I took the view that it was a crazy situation when we are crying out for facilities like these," he said. The centre is owned by the London Residential Body, which was appointed by the Government to dispose of GLC property.

John Smith, the chairman of the Sports Council, has also promised an immediate inquiry into the centre, which the council's south-east region and the Central Council of Physical Recreation have been trying to get used by the local community and clubs.

## Words of wisdom for the championship match in Auckland



Team talk: Jacques Fouroux, the French coach, prepares for Saturday's Rugby Union World Cup final against New Zealand. World Cup news, page 36

## END COLUMN

## The law that is easy to abuse

By Norman Harris

At its best, the rugby in the World Cup has shown the world a game that polices with heroic endeavour. At worst, no play at all is in progress as we watch these games: instead, we might be watching "time out" in American Football.

While an injured player is receiving treatment, both sides go into a tactical huddle. Some of the players come to the trainer for a sip from his "magic bottle". The minute available under the laws is eaten up, sometimes more.

Analysis of the New Zealand v Wales semi-final last Sunday shows that there were 17 stoppages totalling 16 minutes — much more injury time even than in recent five nations games, in which the number of stoppages attracted criticism.

Of course, extra time is added (in Australia, uniquely, by timekeepers who record it from the referee's signals and sound a hooter at the end). But the rhythm of the game, especially for the attacking side, is badly disrupted.

Roger Quinnton, the leading English referee, explains the problem: "You've got your genuine injury where the man is temporarily dazed. You've also got the one that comes after a lot of pressure and last-ditch defence, and you suspect that it's giving the defending side the chance to get their breath and regroup." The difficulty is to differentiate, Quinnton says. "Contact is so heavy and so hard these days that one is very loath to say to a player, 'You're OK'."

Rugby Union has already tried to prevent long stoppages with the law that allows just one minute for on-field treat-



Quinnton: differentiation ment. "A good law," Quinnton says, "which some referees don't use properly."

But the law is still open to exploitation if players decide to go down and take their minute's quota. John Mottram, chairman of the RFU's referees' committee, says: "I agree it's an ever-increasing problem, which few people have given much thought to."

When they do, as they are bound to do soon, they can hardly fail to take note of how injuries are dealt with in Rugby League. If the play moves away from the injured man, the game continues while the player receives on-field treatment. The game stops only when the injured player is in possession and has to play the ball or for an obviously serious injury.

In fact, play continued in one game last winter, the Swinton-Hunslett play-off for the second division title, when a player had a broken leg and a stretcher party was on.

"There was some criticism of that," Joe Manley, the League's senior assessor of referees, says. "But there's a great determination in our game that play should be continuous. The main criticism of our assessors is for too many stoppages."

In fact there is a proposal by Australia to go even further — that when an injured man is in possession the game should continue some 10 metres in field with a colleague playing the ball.

Rugby Union may be loath to follow Rugby League example so dramatically, but attitudes are not as entrenched as they once were. Quinnton reports that he has refereed domestic games in New Zealand, where the "Zambuck" as they call the first-aid man, is allowed to come onto the field while play is in progress.

Quinnton is a particular referee, one who does not allow the hooter to tell him when to end a game under. But there is a lot of approval in his voice when he says that the Zambuck presence while play continues "doesn't provide a problem and it cuts down injury time immensely."

## Spinks not Tyson's next target

New York (Reuters) — Mike Tyson, who holds both the World Boxing Association (WBA) and World Boxing Council (WBC) heavyweight titles, said that Michael Spinks would have to wait awhile before challenging for his crown.

"I'm going to beat [International Boxing Federation champion] Tony Tucker first, and after that, Spinks will have to wait his turn," Tyson said in a television interview on Tuesday night.

"A lot of fighters have put themselves in position and have earned their right to fight. I can guess that we have at least six fights before we fight Spinks," he said.

The undefeated Spinks last night stopped his fellow-American, Gerry Cooney, in the fifth round of their scheduled 15-round non-title bout. Cooney, who was returning to the ring after an absence of almost five years, was floored twice in the round as Spinks went on the offensive.

Spinks, the only light-heavyweight in the history of boxing to win a heavyweight title, was stripped of the IBF crown — which he wrested from Larry Holmes — because he withdrew from a heavyweight title unification series.

Tyson acknowledged that Spinks considers himself the heavyweight champion of the world but said: "I doubt it very seriously if anybody could buy that."

"He didn't lose his [IBF] title in the ring, he gave it up, which I think is even more to his discredit."

## Bleak outlook for prompt start to second Test

By Alan Lee

Lord's Cricket Ground resembled a boating lake yesterday. In an effort to beat the elements and permit the Second Test match, sponsored by Cornhill, to begin today, the groundsman, Mick Hunt, and his staff of seven were planning to work through the night. It was, apparently, a thankless task. Hunt, who has worked at Lord's for 18 years, said he had never known such conditions on the eve of a Test match.

"If it doesn't rain again we have a chance of starting," Hunt said. "We have had 10 days' rain in the last 12 and the water table is so high it just can't take any more. The pitch itself is dry but the outfield is flooded."

The local forecast today is

for further showers, but Hunt, who took over as head groundsman three summers ago, is taking no notice. "Last night they said we should escape the rain here but it poured for four hours," he said.

A motorized "whale mop" was Hunt's main weapon in fighting the floods. "We will have it running over the outfield all night long, barring a few breaks to stop it blowing up. But it is an enormous job because water is even lying on the top end of the square and I have seldom known that before."

Hunt is no stranger to such crises. The day before his first Test in charge, against Australia in 1985, the ground was under water, yet play began on

time. "That was different," he insisted. "It was nowhere near as bad."

Despite a similarly watery story in the first Test at Old Trafford, all tickets for the first three days of this game are now sold and receipts total £560,000. The match is to be the official baptism of the new Mound Stand and an important event in MCC's bicentenary celebrations.

Last night, however, the talk centred on whether, for the first time under their new insurance policy, the Test and County Cricket Board would be obliged to refund money to ticket holders following the loss of a day's play.

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## Boomerangs make a return

Boomerangs and spears are to make a comeback at Lord's — 120 years after they last flew around cricket's headquarters. The sideshow will form part of an historic tour next summer by a team of Aboriginal cricketers, who plan to retrace the steps of the first Australian side to visit England in 1868.

The venture is part of Australia's bicentenary celebrations.

When men with names such as Twopenny, Red Cap and

King Cole were representing their country in 1868, there was not a white man in the national team. They played 47 matches in England — winning 14, losing 14, drawing 19 — and went down by only 55 runs to MCC at Lord's.

Their descendants will be back next season, bringing with them boomerang and spear-throwers to entertain spectators — just as they did in the last century.

"We will take the cricket very seriously, but I think it is important to show British people something of our culture," Ian King, the deputy chairman of the organizing committee, said.

The Rugby Union player, Mark Ella, will manage the 17-strong team which hopes to play 25 games, some against county sides. A two-day match with MCC at Lord's has been pencilled in for June 23 and 24.

## Irish presence will give guide to form

By a Special Correspondent

The inaugural men's home international volleyball championship, which begins in Belfast tomorrow, has effectively become a five nations tournament with the Republic of Ireland having been drafted in at the eleventh hour.

It is not that the republic's sudden appearance should upset what should be a predictable run to the tournament final for England and Scotland, but their appearance will give Wales and Northern Ireland a better guide to their respective form.

It was evident during the first women's home championships in Bath in May that Scotland and England were still several years ahead of the Welsh and the Irish in terms of development and it is likely to be a similar tale in Belfast.

## Doyle brings sparkle

By Michael Coleman

Tony Doyle, the world pursuit cycling champion and six-day specialist, makes a rare appearance on a British track when he tops the bill at the ambitious two-day Moët et Chandon meeting at Herne Hill, London, this weekend.

With 100 riders, including teams from France, The Netherlands, Belgium and Denmark taking part, the "Hill" will have seen nothing like it for a decade.

For the promoter, Graham Bristow, the acquisition of Doyle, who because of his versatility has a reputation abroad higher even than that of Robert Millar, the Tour rider, is a coup in itself.

Doyle enters two races: the Moët et Chandon Champagne

10-miles scratch on Saturday and the Daily Mirror 100-lap Marathon on Sunday. His partner in the latter will be Russell Williams, a first-year professional.

The opposition will be the most formidable seen on any British track recently and are a tribute to the sponsors, to Bristow, to Southwark Council — who have acquired Herne Hill since the dissolution of the GLC — and to officials of the local club, the Vélo Club de Londres.

Apart from Doyle's races, an omnium involving eight teams from Britain (including Paul McHugh and Colin Sturgess), Southwark, Belgium, France, Denmark, Holland, Edinburgh and Le Havre will add extra interest.

## Computer lowers opinion on Botham

By Alan Lee

Ian Botham would agree that he has had better days. He heard that computers rate his talent nowhere near as high as the record books and the average spectator; he missed the launch of his own new commercial venture, then he was late for the pre-Test gathering of the England squad.

He explained away his family time-keeping, saying he had been delayed on the drive from Worcestershire to London when a lorry shed its load in front of his car. He was more hard-pressed to explain why he is, officially, rated the 28th-best batsman and 30th-best bowler in world cricket.

This startling demotion of the man who claimed recently in his own newspaper column that he was the world's No. 1 player, has been made by Deloitte, a firm of City accountancy consultants.

The idea's value is debatable within the context of a team game and Botham for one, would surely question the findings of the computer.

The programmed facts include every Test match from June 1981 up to date and concentrate on the quality of the opposition and the comparative performances of other players in each game. Roughly half of Botham's best deeds for England were performed prior to 1981, which may have confused the computer.

For the record however, India's Dilip Vengsarkar is currently ranked the world's top batsman, with Gordon Greenidge second. And Richard Hadlee leads the bowlers from New Zealand.

Botham was probably unaware of all this as he sat chafing in his car at the delays, while representatives of Wish-bones Games, who are marketing his own board-game — a kind of sports pundit's trivial pursuit — were making excuses for him at the reception they staged in his honour.

The England team management were similarly mystified when he failed to appear at the regular eve-of-match meeting, although a call from his car telephone eventually explained all. By late afternoon, he was ensconced in the team hotel, no doubt musing that today can only be an improvement.

## Setback for Jones

Steve Jones, the marathon runner, has pulled out of Sunday's Pearl Assurance Great North Run on Tyneside. The Welshman, aged 31, who was second in the race last year, sustained a knee injury when falling in last Saturday's UK 10,000 metres championship race at Gateshead.

His absence is the second blow for the race organizers, who have already lost last year's winner, Mike Musyoki.

## Going north

Biddulph, from Staffordshire, become the first team from the Potteries to enter Rugby League competition when they join the North Western Counties League next season. Another amateur club who face long term journeys to fulfil their fixtures are the ambitious South London club, who have also been admitted to the Lancashire-based league.

## Woosnam shows his rivals how to putt in a deluge

Ian Woosnam, who is determined to prove that he is worthy of an automatic place in the top events on the US Tour, defied torrential rain to score a 66, five strokes under par, to take an early lead in the first round of the £150,000 Volvo Belgian Open championship at Royal Waterloo yesterday.

Woosnam, who heads the European money list with winnings of almost £100,000, collected five birdies in a flawless display.

The course was so wet that officials were concerned whether the opening round would be completed, but the Welshman revelled in the conditions. "I putted very well and this was one of the best starts I have made to a tournament," he said. "I hope to win this week because I am missing the next event in Monte Carlo and my aim is to stay at the top of the Order of Merit for the rest of the year."

Woosnam was so confident on the soaking greens that he

twice holed out from a range of 20 feet while two of his other birdies came as the result of four-yard putts. None of the other early starters looked like making a run at Woosnam, although Glenn Ralph, of Sussex, the former English amateur champion, Andrew Oldcorn, the Spanish Ryder Cup player, Manuel Piñero, Eddie Pollard, and Ove Selberg, of Sweden, all returned scores of 69.

LEADING FIRST ROUND SCORES: (Great Britain and Ireland unless stated: 66: I. Woosnam (W); G. Ralph, M. Piñero (Sp); O. Selberg (Swe); E. Pollard; 75: L. Jones (Aus); M. Morgan, N. Hansen, G. Turner (NZ); 76: M. Hickman, W. Fothergill, P. Baker, I. Mosley, A. Charnley, D. Gifford, W. Westner (Aus); D. Fisher, R. Ish, S. Selinger, D. Barrie (GB); 77: P. Carty, Hartmann (US); A. Rafferty, D. J. Russell, M. Callero (Sp); J. Rivera (Sp); M. Houlden, B. Marchant, M. Cuyper (Aus); J. Bennett, C. Stromberg (Swe); A. Johnston (Zim); 78: F. Hebble (NZ); G. Lane, C. Mason, R. Boddall, M. Allen (US); S. Roodman (Sp); M. Adcock (US); R. McFarlane, C. Moody, C. Lawrence, D. Wilson, D. Dorman; 79: G. Gega, I. West, G. Call (Ir); L. Lussdale (Fr); C. Rocca (It); D. Davis (Sp); T. Planchon (Fr); P. Borrell (Sp); M. Mackenzie, A. Shearer, P. Thomas; 75: V. Dorey (Bel); T. Horton, I. Stephen (Aus); J. Hobbey (SA); J. Rystrom (Swe); V. West, A. Taylor (Bel); R. Drummond, J. Gonzalez (Sp); K. Clair (US); J. Angulo (Sp); A. Carreras (It); Deloitte amateur.

## Castle and Bates topple the seeds

By Richard Eaton

Andrew Castle, the British No. 1, and Jeremy Bates, the No. 2, both best seeds to advance to the third round of the Bristol trophy at Redlands Green yesterday.

Castle's 7-5, 6-3 success over Brod Dyke, the sixteenth seed, was encouraging. Dyke, an awkward left-hander with a double handed back-hand and a haystack of bubbly hair only marginally restrained by a large colourful headband, numbered Boris Becker among his victims last year.

However the Englishman seems to be benefiting from being able to relax at his home in nearby Taunton and notably retained both concentration and self belief when 5-3 down in the first set.

Castle's reward for such strength of mind is a likely meeting with the top-seeded Frenchman, Henri Leconte. He produced three beautifully controlled low backhand returns and went on to purloin four games in a row. He also produced another reel of four games when he was a break down at 2-3 in the second set. He also cursed and groaned.

and criticized himself as fiercely as ever. "I can't be polite when I am playing, I am afraid," he said. "I've got to be a little bit rude and a little bit obnoxious. I think people enjoy that. I am not going to produce the same reaction when I produce a winner or a loser and I don't see why I should. If I feel bad tempered I shall behave bad tempered."

It was all so different from the mood of the earlier match when the second seeded Ramesh Krishnan was beaten. The Indian went out 3-6, 6-2, 9-7 to the West German, Wolfgang Popp, despite producing the most serene and elegant ground strokes.

Bates also found his form, beating Danie Visser, of South Africa, the sixth seed, 6-4, 7-6. His win means that both leading Englishmen go untroubled to the last 16. Although Visser produced two splendid winners to take the contest into a second-set tie-break, Bates won that 7-4. SECOND ROUND: J. Bates (GB) vs D. Visser (SA) 6-4, 7-6; A. Castle (GB) vs B. Dyke (Aus) 7-5, 6-3; H. Leconte (Fr) vs P. Popp (FR) vs R. Krishnan (India) 3-6, 6-2, 9-7. More tennis, pages 38 and 39

## SPORT IN BRIEF

## Cup storm

Protests over the final trials in the Solent last weekend again forced UNCL, the French offshore racing authority, to postpone announcing their three-boat team to challenge for yachting's Admiral's Cup off Cowes at the end of July.

## Dublin date

Steve Baddeley, the Commonwealth badminton champion, will lead the Dan Air team in international challenge matches against a European team in Dublin on September 10 and Lisburn on September 11.

## Helping fist

Barry McGuigan has agreed to help Terry Marsh, the world light-welterweight boxing champion, prepare for the defence of his title against Akio Kameda, of Japan, at the Albert Hall on July 1. McGuigan, the former world featherweight champion, will assist along with the IBF super-featherweight champion, Barry Michaels.



Sir Stanley: a gentle giant

## Fair game

Sir Stanley Matthews, the former wing wizard of English football, is to receive an international fair-play award. The International Committee for Fair Play awarded Matthews, aged 72, the 1986 International Pierre de Coubertin Trophy for a career marked entirely by the spirit of fair play. Matthews, who was never booked, played 84 times for England in a career spanning 30 years and was still playing in the first division when he was 50.

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